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ABSTRACT

Intended for the Literacy Coordinators of Alberta, this annotated bibliography reflects the needs of the PROSPECTS Adult Literacy Program clientele; therefore, it does not include resources for native learners and includes only resources available at the PROSPECTS library and the Edmonton Public Schools' adult literacy library. One hundred fifty-three resources are described. All but three of them are publications. Twenty-nine concern the topic of everyday living skills. Sixty are described under a heading called "Reading." Sixty-one are workbooks, and three are video programs. The annotations typically include evaluative comments. Criteria that guided the evaluations included the following questions: (1) Is the readability level below grade 9? (2) Is the language suitable for adult readers? (3) Does the book have an adult-like appearance? (4) Will the amount of print on the page overwhelm the adult literacy reader? (5) Are the illustrations appropriate for use with adults? (6) Do the exercises reflect current knowledge about the reading process? (7) Are the workbooks and reading based on the interactive reading process model of reading? and (8) Is the content Canadian? The names and addresses of the publishers whose products are annotated are included, as is a glossary. (CML)

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...Initiation of learning rests not upon the teaching skills of the leader, not upon his scholarly knowledge of the field, not upon his curricular planning, not upon his use of audiovisual aids, not upon the programmed learning he utilizes, not upon his lectures and presentations, not upon an abundance of books, though each of these might at one time or another be utilized as an important resource. No, the facilitation of learning rests upon certain attitudinal qualities which exist in the PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP between the Facilitator and the Learner.

Carl Rogers (1969)

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OVERVIEW

A continuous and serious concern of adult literacy practitioners is the availability of books which are interesting, challenging and effective for our adult clientele. In 1986, the PROSPECTS Adult Literacy Program received a grant from the Wild Rose Foundation and used part of the money to enlarge its adult literacy library so that it now has a comprehensive selection of resources.

The author, in her interactions with other literacy coordinators, found that many of the coordinators required information that would help them develop their own resource collections. The author hopes that this annotated bibliography will provide them with the necessary information.

Although the intended audience is members of the Literacy Coordinators of Alberta (LCA), a wider professional or geographical audience may also find this annotated bibliography useful.

The books which are annotated in this bibliography are located in: 1) PROSPECTS library; and 2) the Edmonton Public School's adult literacy library which is located in the Adult Learning Annex. The books reflect the needs of PROSPECTS' clientele and consequently, you will note that books for native learners were not reviewed.

CRITERIA

The approach taken in this bibliography is informational rather than formal and any opinions expressed are those of the author. The following questions provided a framework for evaluating the material:

1. Does the author respect the reader?

2. What is the readability level?
   - A combination of the Fry Readability Formula and consideration of sentence complexity and the amount of implied information.
   - Publishers' readability levels were often inaccurate.
   - Only books with a readability level below grade 9 were reviewed.

3. Is the language suitable for adult learners?

4. Is the topic suitable for adult learners?

5. Does the book have an adult-like appearance?

6. Is the print large enough to be read easily?

7. Will the amount of print on the page overwhelm the adult literacy reader?

8. Are the illustrations appropriate for use with adults?

9. What kind of exercises are provided?

10. Do the exercises reflect current knowledge about the reading process?

11. Are the workbooks and reading programs based on the interactive reading process model of reading (rather than the skill based model)?

12. Are exercises presented in context or in isolation?

13. Is the content Canadian?

SPECIAL NOTE TO READERS

As previously stated, I have included in this annotated bibliography materials that are currently being used in the PROSPECTS Adult Literacy Program. However, I realize that there are other materials that those reviewed here that are being used successfully with adult learners. Furthermore, as new materials become available they will need to be included in this bibliography.

In order to improve and update this annotated bibliography, I need your help. Please contribute to the improvement and updating of it by sending me a short review of appropriate books. Also, I welcome your comments on any of the information contained in this bibliography.

The first 100 copies of this bibliography were distributed free of charge to literacy coordinators and educators thoughout Alberta. A $10.00 fee will be charged for additional copies. This fee will be used to contribute to the cost of updating, and to cover postage, handling and printing costs. For copies of 'An Annotated Bibliography of Adult Literacy Materials', contact:

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EVERYDAY LIVING SKILLS

There is a plethora of books on the market which address everyday living skills. The general topics covered can be categorized into career, health, money management, consumer information, driving, and functional skills. Numerous publishers have found an interested audience for books which address functional skills or life skills. Functional skills covered usually include filling out forms, reading signs and labels, how to use the newspaper, how to read a map etc. Caution should be exercised in stocking your shelves with the books categorized under 'functional' skills as all of these books are similar in nature. It would be more meaningful for tutors and learners to bring real materials such as 'real' T.V. guides, telephone books, forms from work, maps of the city, etc. to their lessons.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT BOOKS

The Value of Self-Esteem: (Creative Education), no date.
Reading Level: 6-7
Cost: $11.65 U.S. per title. Note schools and libraries receive a 30% discount which reduces it to $8.95 U.S.

This is a series of 12 books which offer ways for learners to raise their own expectations, deal with new situations, solve problems, and begin approaching life with a positive attitude. The series is intended for teenagers, yet the language is suitable for use with adults. Although the books are rife with cliches and generalizations, the series has been popular with learners who want to read 'motivational books'. The books are 48 pages in length and are available in hard cover only. The individual titles are:

The Secret of the Slight Edge
Unlocking your Creative Gifts
How Much Potential Do You Have?
You Can Be Your Own Best Friend
More Good Time for You
Talk Like an Eagle
Dare to be Different
The Secrets of Goal Setting
How to Beat the Jitters
Mistakes are Great
Just Keep on Keeping On
There Will Never Be Another You

CAREER

The Easy to Read Career Planning Guide: (Alberta Career Development and Employment), 1986.
Reading Level: 3-4
Cost: Free government publication

This book is for learners who wish to change careers and for those who wish to choose a line of work. It involves learners in a process whereby they match their interests and abilities to a job. This book also outlines the steps in gaining employment such as reading the want ads, filling out applications, and writing a resume. This is a helpful book for those who want an informal approach to career planning. Learners in Alberta who want professional assistance should contact Alberta Career Development and Employment.

Follett Coping Skills Series: (Cambridge), 1978.
Reading Level: 4-6
Cost: $6.30 per title.
$2.40 for teacher's guide.

This is a suitable series of 3 books for learners who wish to re-enter the workforce. Lessons could incorporate innovative teaching methods such as role-playing for job interviews. Although the series is dated (1978), the information is still pertinent. The individual titles are:

Finding Work
Job Interviews
Keeping a Job

Job Seekers Handbook: (Alberta Career Development and Employment), 1986.
Reading Level: 7-8
Cost: Free government publication.

This 70 page government publication contains valuable information for people who wish to re-enter the workforce. The sentence structure is quite complex, and the vocabulary is at a high level, so the book is not recommended for beginning readers.

Pacemaker Vocational Readers: (Copp Clark Pitman), 1976.
Reading Levels: 3
Cost: $6.36 per title.
$6.36 for teacher's guide.
$79.60 for set of 5 cassettes (2 books on each cassette).

Although this series is over 10 years old, it has been very popular with adult learners. The set consists of 10 books which describe jobs that special needs learners have performed successfully. Each page contains a small amount of print and an appropriate photograph which aids the reader in predicting the text. At the end of each book is a picture dictionary. Each book is approximately 60 pages in length and is only available in paperback. Cassettes and a teacher's guide may also be purchased. Individual titles are:

Ready to Go (Auto Mechanic's Helper)
Someone for the Summer (Waitress)
Until Joe Comes Back (Supermarkert Stock Clerk)
Power On and Start Print (Duplicating Room Worker)
The Other Side of the Counter (Short Order Cook)
Give the Kid a Chance (Baker's Helper)
I'll Try Tomorrow (Gardener)
Fitting Right In (Sewing Machine Operator)
And It's So Quiet (Porter/Janitor)
You Know How Children Are (Day Care Centre Aide)

Readings in Real Life Competencies: (Cambridge), 1986.
Reading Level: Book 1 & Activity Book 1 (4-5), Book 2 & Activity Book 2 (5-6), Book 3 & Activity Book 3 (6-7)
Cost: $6.75 per title
$4.70 per activity book

Each book contains 7 short stories which portray an adult looking for, beginning, and succeeding in a new job. Each story is followed by exercises to develop vocabulary and questions to check comprehension at the implicit level. The activity books are correlated to the books.

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

Forms in Your Life: (Globe/Modern Curriculum Press), 1981.
Reading Level: 4-5
Cost: $6.25

The best feature of this workbook is the Canadian content. The book begins by introducing vocabulary usually found in forms. The workbook contains 25 actual Canadian forms the learner will encounter in everyday life. The print on some of the forms is quite small and difficult to read. Each form is accompanied by special vocabulary words and helpful hints. Please note from the publication date that some forms may have since been revised.

Life Coping Skills Series: (Steck-Vaughn - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1983.
Reading Level: 2-4
Cost: $7.25 per title.
$8.25 per teacher's guide. (Every title is accompanied by a teacher's guide).

This series contains 3 workbooks. The series was specifically written for secondary students; however, the language used in the workbooks conveys the feeling that they were written for children, rather than teenagers or adults. Another drawback of this series is that the content is American. The individual titles are:

Facts and Sources
Signs and Labels
Forms and Messages

Life Skills Reading: (Educational Design - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1985.
Reading Level: 3-5
Cost: $5.50
Teacher's guide free with order.

This workbook is comprised of 36 lessons which cover reading labels, following directions, looking up information, paying bills and taxes, agreements and guarantees and filling out forms and applications. It is recommended that this book be used as a reference by the tutor for ideas, and that 'real' labels, bills etc. be brought into the lesson by the learner.

Life Skills Reading 2 - Comprehension Skills: (Educational Design - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1984.
Reading Level: 4-6
Cost: $5.50
Teacher's guide free with order.

This book tries to cover too many concepts, and as a result, is quite confusing to the reader. The reading material is a potpourri of selections from editorials, business letters, leases, consumer information, insurance forms, recipes, etc. The lessons progress quickly, moving from teaching main idea to vocabulary development to word meanings to context clues and finally ending with the 5W questions (who, what when, where and why).

Practice in Survival Reading: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1978.
Reading Level: 4-5
Cost: $4.65 per title.
$3.96 for teacher's guide.

This series consists of 8 workbooks and a teacher's guide. The workbooks contain representative materials from newspapers, documents, product labels, and instructions. Each workbook contains 25 lessons which have a 3 level questioning system of fact-finding, interpretation and application. Tutors and learners are encouraged to bring real, meaningful material into the lessons and to use this series as a reference for ideas. The individual titles are:

Machine Age Riddles
Signs Around Town
Label Talk
Read the Instructions First
It's On the Map
Let's Look It Up
Caution: Fine Print Ahead
Your Daily Paper

Reading for Independence: (Science Research Associates), 1985.
Reading Level: 4-6
Cost: There are 6 books and each book comes in a package of 5. A package of 5 costs $33.75

This series is not recommended for adults, as it was written for an adolescent audience. A further drawbackk of the series is that the workbooks are only available in packages of five which can be quite costly. The individual titles are:

How to Use the Newspaper
How to Use the Telephone Book
How to Use Schedules
How to Use Maps & Directories
How to Use Directions
How to Use Classified Ads

HEALTH

Can You Give First Aid?: (New Readers Press, Distributed by Educational Resources), 1979.
Reading Level: 4
Cost: $2.65

This book contains vital information that all learners, especially parents, should know. This 32 page booklet covers treatment for burns, shock, bleeding, poisoning, and minor wounds and is written at an easy-to-read level. Illustrations aid the reader in understanding how to give mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Food and Nutrition: (Janus Books - Distributed by Dominie Press), 1986
Reading Level: 4
Cost: $59.93 for set of 3 titles and binder.
$22.43 per title.

The Food and Nutrition program is a set of 3 workbooks in a binder. The books are an excellent resource for beginning cooks or for people who wish to increase their knowledge in measurement or nutrition. The individual titles are:

Measuring for Cooking
Planning Healthy Meals
Reading and Following Recipes

Help Yourself to Health: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1980.
Reading Level: 5
Cost: $6.60

This 80 page book covers a variety of health related topics such as nutrition, exercise, sleep, stress, and care for one's skin, hair, teeth and eyes. One drawback is that the book does not contain enough graphic information to break up the print on each page. Some readers may be overwhelmed by the amount of print. Nevertheless, the book is a good source of information. A workbook to accompany 'Help Yourself to Health' is also available.

Taking Care - A Handbook about Women's Health: (The Women's Health Project), 1988.
Cost: Free
Reading Level: 5-6

This is an excellent book for women who want relevant, readable, and accurate health care information. The Peterborough YWCA is the sponsor of this unique 400 page book. If you write for a copy of this book, it may take up to 6 months for delivery due to its popularity. Topics covered include eating well, dealing with stress, depression, being active, weight control, over the counter drugs, sex, birth control, vaginal infections, pap tests, breast examinations and menopause. The one drawback of the book is the sparsity of illustrations.

This is Your Body: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1982.
Reading Level: 6
Cost: $5.45

Here is a book for those who want to learn more about their body. It's a well-written book with many black and white illustrations. However, the book has not been in great demand. It would probably be a good introduction for students who want to eventually earn credits in biology.

MONEY MANAGEMENT

Banking for Adult New Readers: (ACCESS), 1981.
Reading Level: 7
Cost: $2.50 & $1.00 for handling.

This 28 page booklet was written to supplement the Alberta ACCESS video 'Safer than a Sock.' It concentrates on explaining how to use chequing and savings accounts. The print is large, and there is an adequate amount of graphic information. The one shortcoming is the length and complexity of the sentence structure.

Consumer Complaints: A Self Help Handbook: (Consumer and Corporate Affairs), 1985.
Reading Level: 7-8
Cost: Free government publication.

Do you have learners who are unsure of their rights as a consumer? Are they unsure about where and to whom they should take their complaints? If so, then this is the publication for them as it outlines procedures for effective complaining, methods of complaining, assertive behaviour, and general sources of consumer help. The bulk of the booklet is a directory of information. Although this book was intended for the general public, it could be used with learners reading at a higher level (7-8).

Credit Wise: A guide to consumer credit: Canadian Bankers' Association), 1983.
Reading Level: 7-8
Cost: Free Publication

If your learner is interested in learning more about credit, this book will answer all of his/her questions. The book was written for the general public, so the vocabulary and sentence structure are complex, and there are few illustrations. Nevertheless, this 38 page booklet is an excellent source of information.

To the Point on Money Management: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1980.
Reading Level: 3-4
Cost: $4.40 per title.
$3.65 for teacher's guide.

The major disadvantage of this series is the American content. There are five books in the series, plus a teacher's guide. The lay-out of the books is good, and there are many cartoons and graphics. The individual titles are:

Using Credit
Making a Budget
Insuring Yourself
Saving and Investing
Using a Chequing Account

BIOGRAPHIES

Canadian Starters: (GLC Silver Burdett), 1981.
Reading Level: 1
Cost: Unknown

The Canadian Starters cover a wide range of topics, one of which is biographies. The biographies have been quite popular with Stage I learners. Each page is accompanied by an illustration which aids the reader in predicting. There is a small amount of print on each page. The last page of each book contains a list of facts about the person. Unfortunately, these books are presently out of print. However, a representative from GLC Silver Burdett stated that there is a possibility that this series may be reprinted in 1989. All of the books are 26 pages in length, and are published in hardcover only. The individual titles are:

Norman Bethune	Nellie McClung
Emily Carr	Robert Service
Alexander Graham Bell	Sam McLaughlin
Casimir Gzowski	Sir Ernest Macmillan
Sir John A. Macdonald	Stephen Leacock

Discover Canadians: (Globe Modern), 1980.
Reading Level: 5-6
Cost: $7.95
$2.00 for teacher's guide.

This attractive paperback is a collection of 18 short biographies about Canadians. In writing this book, the author has chosen to highlight a significant event in the life of each of subjects. Some of the more famous subjects portrayed are Nellie McClung, Anne Murray, Chief Dan George, and Norman Bethune. This 95 page book contains several black and white photographs. Multiple choice questions and vocabulary exercises follow each biography. A teacher's guide is also available.

History Maker Series: (Quercus Corporation - Distributed by Ginn), 1986
Reading Level: 3
Cost: $5.25 per title.

The 3 books in this series are written in the narrative genre, which helps to make the history come to life. The illustrations are limited, with only 3 per book. The series

Sports Close-Ups, SCU-2: (Crestwood House), 1985.
Reading Level: 5-6
Cost: $197.10 U.S. for series or $10.95 U.S. per title.

This series portrays 18 well-known athletes who participate in spectator sports. Since this series is focusing on spectator sports, the majority of athletes portrayed are American males. The books tend to contain an abundance of proper nouns (teams, cities, names) in the text which may frustrate learners who have weak decoding skills. Each book contains many photographs. All of the books are 48 pages in length and are available in hardcover. The individual titles are:

Marcus Allen
Martina Navratilova
Wayne Gretzky
Fernando Valenzuela
Larry Bird
Patrick Ewing
Lynette Woodward
Dwight Gooden
Walter Payton
Mary Decker Slaney
Erick Dickerson
John Elway
Steffi Graf
Michael Jordon
Shirley Muldowney
Greg Norman
Lawrence Taylor
Dave Winfield

Sports Legends: (Crestwood House), 1981
Reading Level: 3-4
Cost: $8.95 U.S. per title.

In 'Sports Legends', each biography traces the athlete's life from childhood to his or her pinnacle of achievement. Each book contains many black and white photographs, and a list of the athlete's achievements. Although there is a good balance of male and female athletes, the majority of athletes are American. These 46 page books are hardbound. The individual titles are:

Henry Aaron
Fran Tarkenton
Mildred Zaharias
James Thorpe
Edson do Nascimento
Charles Stengel
Patricia Berg
James Brown
Babe Ruth
Chris Evert Lloyd
Jean-Claude Killy
Gale Sayers
Billie Jean King

** A comparison of the 2 series, 'Sports Close-Ups' and 'Sports Legends', indicates that the latter series is more readable and less expensive.

The Superstar Series: (Steck-Vaughn Company - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1984.
Reading Level: 4-6
Cost: $6.95 per title.

This is a series of 6 workbooks, with each workbook featuring 14 personalities. This series has been quite popular with the learners, even though the biographies are quite brief. Each biography is followed by a set of comprehension exercises which are generally a combination of vocabulary development exercises and questions at the explicit level.
The individual titles are:

Superstars of Rock
Superstars of Soul
Superstars of Country
Superstars of Movies and TV
Superstars of Sports
Superstars Music Hall of Fame

Women Of Our Time: (Viking - Distributed by Penguin Books Canada), 1985.
Reading Level: 6
Cost: $15.95 per title.

This is a series of 17 biographies focusing on the lives of twentieth-century women. The women portrayed come from such diverse fields as politics, entertainment, the arts and science and athletics. The books are written in an anecdotal style, and are a pleasure to read. Although the series was aimed at a young audience (7-11 years), the series is very appropriate for adult learners. The books are only available in hardcover. Each book is 57 pages in length. The individual titles are:

Diana Ross
Betty Friedan
Dorothea Lange
Mother Teresa
Golda Meir
Carol Burnett
Rachel Carlson
Winnie Mandela
Margaret Mead
Eleanor Roosevelt
Dolly Parton
Martina Navratilova
Margaret Thatcher
Shirley Temple
Babe Didrikson
Mary McLeod Bethune
Grandma Moses

World Biographies: (Globe), 1987.
Reading Level: 5-6
Cost: $8.75
$3.00 for teacher's guide.

This book has an interesting combination of biographies which includes personalities from the following fields: politics; religion; sport; science; architecture; literature; and entertainment. Each biography begins with a brief summary of the personality's profession or country of origin. There would need to be a great deal of pre-reading discussion with many learners to help bridge their gaps in background knowledge. Each biography is accompanied by an excellent set of comprehension exercises which include questions at the explicit, implicit and experiential levels. The book is 296 pages and is available in paperback.

NON-FICTION

This section is divided into two parts: Learners in Stage II (grades 1-3 reading level) and Learners in Stage III (grades 4 and above reading level).

STAGE II LEARNERS

Coast-To-Coast Reader: (Douglas & MacIntyre (Educational) Ltd.), 1987.
Reading Level: 3-4
Cost: $6.95

This 63 page book by Joan Acosta is a collection of 52 articles about Canadians. Many of the articles originally appeared in The Westcoast Reader, which is a newspaper from B.C. that is similar to Alberta's English Express. Every article is accompanied by a captioned photograph or illustration to provide visual information and to enhance the story.

High Action Treasure Chest Books: (Globe Modern), 1981.
Reading Level: 2-3
Cost: $141.00 per kit

This kit is reasonably priced, considering that you receive 44 paperback titles. The kit is a collection of famous firsts and unsolved mysteries. Each book contains several full page illustrations. The low readability level and the nature of the stories have contributed to the popularity of this set of books. The kit includes 44 paperbacks and skill cards. The individual titles are:

READABILITY LEVELS: 2.1 - 2.6

Mysterious Buried Treasure
The First American Circus Ever
The First Women of Medicine: The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell
The Mystery of the Human Wolves
Nellie Bly: The First Women of the News
Mystery in the Wax Museum: The Magic of Madame Tussaud
Underwater Attack: The First Submarines
America's First Football Game
First Women of the Skies
Haunted House Mysteries
The World's First Police Detective

The Mysterious Strangers Within Us
The First Olympic Games
Ancient Skyscrapers: The Native American Pueblos
First to Sail the World Alone: Joshua Slocum

READABILITY LEVELS: 2.7 - 3.0

The Fighting Redtails: America's First Black Airmen
The Mystery of Hypnosis
First into the Air: The First Airplanes
The Mystery of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
Protectors of the Wilderness: The First Forest Rangers
Rasputin: The Mysterious Monk
When the Movies Began: First Film Stars
First to the Top of the World: Admiral Peary at the North Pole
The Worlds First Baseball Game
The First Wild West Rodeo
Mysterious Sunken Treasures
The Mystery of the Talking Plants
Mysterious Doubles: The Story of Twins
The Mystery of Who Discovered the Americas

READABILITY LEVELS 3.1 - 3.5

The Mysterious Ghosts of Flight 401
The First Blue Jeans
Machu Picchu: Mystery City of the Incas
The First Womean in Congress: Jeanette Rankin
Mysterious Creatures from Outer Space
First Over the Oceans
The Mystery of the Body Clocks
The First Stunt Stars of Hollywood
Mysterious Castle Builders: African Termites
First to the Moon
The Mystery of Talking Animals
Firsts Under the Wire: The World's Fastest Horses
The Mystery of Robin Hood: Fact or Fantasy?
When TV Began: The First TV Shows
The First Seeing Eye Dogs

Operation Literacy - Series I & II: (Canadian Library Association), 1981.
Reading Level: 2-4
Cost: $2.25 per title.

These books are a combination of biographies and historical events (See BIOGRAPHIES). Nine of the books are short accounts of historical Canadian events and tragedies. They are 8 - 20 pages in length and are available in paperback only. The individual titles are:

Two Letters from Upper Canada
No Help for It
The Halifax Explosion
The Klondike Gold Rush
The Nightmare Game
The Kildonan Settlement
Where the West Winds Blow
Under a Coat of Ice
The Acadians

The Many Ears of CB Radio: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1979.
Reading Level: 3
Cost: $3.65

Learners who own a CB, and even those who do not, will probably find this book entertaining. The contents of the 45 page paperback book include getting a license, rules and regulations, buzz words, the Ten Code, and rescues performed by CBer's.

STEP Collection: (Alberta Association for Adult Literacy), no date.
Reading Level: 1-3
Cost: $25.00 per set & $2.50 for postage and handling.

For Albertans, the most valuable feature of this collection of 13 books is the Alberta content. The series was funded by a STEP grant, and all proceeds from sales go to the Alberta Association for Adult Literacy. This series was written specifically for adults. Individual titles are:

In Alberta
Rodeo
Souped Up
Getting A Handle on Your Home
Fly Alberta
Night Life
Journey Through Time I & II
Monster Mania
Heart of the West
Target: Cold Lake
Alberta in the Movies
Hockey

Survival Series: (Crestwood House), 1979.
Reading Level: 3-4
Cost: $8.95 U.S. per title.
$7.95 U.S. per cassette.

These captivating human survival dramas by Ben East are the type of stories which most adults find difficult to put down once they start reading them. There are 7 books in the series, and each one describes a true story of how a person kept him/herself alive in the wilderness. The print is quite large and the books contain several pencil illustrations. Read-along cassettes are also available. These 48 page books are available in hardcover only. Individual titles are:

Forty Days Lost
Desperate Search
Found Alive
Mistaken Journey
Danger in the Air
Trapped in Devil's Hole
Frozen Terror

The Journey Readers: (Contact Joanne Snyder - Calgary John Howard Society - Phone: (403) 266-4566), 1988.
Reading Level: 3-4
Cost: Postage (Free Publication)

This set of 4 paperbacks will be available in December, 1988. This series will fill a noticeable gap in adult high interest - low vocabulary literature. The books are very readable and richly illustrated. Exercise manuals are available for each title. Its publication is conditional upon receipt of funding. The individual titles are:

Weight Training for Beginners
All About Motorcycles
Classic Cars
Racing Cars

NON-FICTION

STAGE III LEARNERS

Canada Rainbow Series: (GLC Silver Burdett Publishers), 1984.
Reading Level: 7-8
Cost: $5.06 per title (hardcover); $3.38 per title (paperback)

This is a useful set of 12 books for immigrants who are interested in developing their knowledge about the Canadian provinces. These general information books explore each province's culture, geography, history, industry and points of interest. Each 22 page book has an abundance of color photography, and a glossary. The individual titles are:

Alberta	Newfoundland
British Columbia	Canada
Canadian North	Nova Scotia
Manitoba	Ontario
New Brunswick	Prince Edward Island
Saskatchewan	Quebec

Canadian Ways: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1983.
Reading Level: 4
Cost: $8.50
$5.00 for teacher's guide.

This is an interesting book for readers who want to develop their knowledge about cultural communities unique to Canada. Six communities (Acadian/Clare, Plains Cree/Hobbema, Chinatown/Calgary, Outport/Tilting, Hutterite/Ferrybank, and Inuit/Holman) are presented and the latter two are described in detail. This 64 page softcover book contains over 200 photographs, maps and illustrations. Each chapter begins with pre-reading questions to help activate the learner's background knowledge and to help set a purpose for reading.

Essential Skills: (Jamestown Publishers), 1982.
Reading Level: 3-12
Cost: $4.00 U.S. per title.

Where does the word dandelion come from? What would you do if a fox walked up to you? How are sand dunes created? The answers to these questions can be found in the Essential Skills series. This series ranges in reading levels from grades 3 to 12, with 2 books at each level. Each paperback contains 25 short passages that deal with nature. Each passage is followed by a set of comprehension questions which provide practice in finding the main idea and supporting details, and in developing the learner's vocabulary. In the main idea questions, the learner is requested to recognize the main idea statement, as well as to identify the statement that is too narrow and the statement which is too broad. At the back of each book is an answer key, and a diagnostic chart. The illustrations in these 108 page books are sparse.

Families Around the World: (Wayland - Distributed by Nelson).
Reading Level: 4-6
Cost: $12.95 per title.

Learners who love to travel and/or to read about people from different cultures will probably enjoy this set of books. There are 19 hardcover books in the series, and each one portrays a family from a different country. Each family was chosen to represent an important industry or activity typical of the country. Although this series was written for children, the language and photographs will appeal to adult readers. Each 32 page book contains a glossary, fact sheet and index. These books would also be ideal for programs which have a high enrollment of E.S.L. learners. Individual titles are:

A Family in Australia
A Family in Central America
A Family in China
A Family in Colombia
A Family in France
A Family in Greenland
A Family in Holland
A Family in Hong Kong
A Family in Iceland
A Family in India
A Family in Ireland
A Family in Japan
A Family in Mexico
A Family on a Pacific Island
A Family in the Persian Gulf
A Family in Switzerland
A Family in Thailand
A Family in the U.S.S.R
A Family in West Africa

Fast and Easy Library: (Troll Books - Distributed by Troll and Permabound), 1976.
Reading Level: 4
Cost: $2.50 per title (paperback), $9.79 per title (hardbound)
$12.00 per cassette

Sports enthusiasts will delight in this set of books. The series consists of 12 books about fast-action sports and dangerous adventures. There is only a small amount of print on each page. The majority of the pages are taken up with beautiful color photography. Read along cassettes are also available. The individual titles are:

Ballooning: High and Wild
Diving the Great Barrier Reef
Bobsledding: Down the Shute
Racing to Win, the Salt Flats
The Everglades: Exploring the Unknown
Danger: White Water
The Grand Canyon, Journey Through Time
Hang Gliding, Riding the Wind
Hunting the Killer Shark
Baja Run: Racing Fury
Surfing, the Big Wave
Challenge, the Big Thunderboats

Geography Course: (Quercus Corporation - Distributed by Ginn), 1986.
Reading Level: 5-6
Cost: $10.25 per title.

Although the publisher states that the 2 workbooks in this set (Geography I & Geography II) are at a grade 2 reading level, this designation is inaccurate. The actual readability level ranges between grades 5-6. These books have not been in high demand. Each 112 page workbook appears to be an abbreviated edition of a social studies textbook. The 2 workbooks introduce learners to the basic concepts of physical and cultural geography. The individual titles are:

Geography One: The Earth and Its Resources
Geography Two: The Earth and Its People

Horses: (Crestwood House), 1983.
Reading Level: 5-6
Cost: $9.95 U.S. per title.

This series is comprised of 7 books, with each book focusing on a different kind of horse. For example, one of the books is a biography of Ruffian, one of the greatest thoroughbreds of all time. The books convey basic information such as a brief history and current uses of the breed, and the horse's physical appearance. Each book is well illustrated with color and black and white photographs, and numerous diagrams and charts. These hardbound, 45 page books also have a glossary. The individual titles are:

Harness Racing
Hunters and Jumpers
The Ponies
Rodeo Horses
Ruffian
Thoroughbreds
Draft Horses

The Incredible Series: (Barnell Loft), 1972.
Reading Level: 7
Cost: $7.95 U.S. per title.
$15.55 per cassette.

This set of 13 books is a smorgasbord of true stories written in the narrative style. The stories cluster around the 3 major themes of courage, adventures at sea and true accounts of mystery and suspense. There is an abundance of illustrations in each book. These books are attractive and well-written. Read along cassettes are also available. These hardbound books are 47 pages in length. The individual titles are:

The Chicago Inferno
Glenda's Long Swim
The Red Baron
Soldier Girl
The Long Search
Escape
The Cardiff Giant
Horror Overhead
17 Minutes to Live
Blondin: Hero of Niagara
Joshua James
Titanic
Alone

Religions of the World: (Wayland - Distributed by Nelson), 1986.
Reading Level: 7
Cost: $14.50 per title.

This series of 6 books examines six major religions. Learners may want to read these books to learn more about their own religion or to develop their understanding about other religions. Each book takes a brief look at the religion's history, rites of passage, customs, taboos and laws. Pre-reading discussion will be necessary to introduce unfamiliar vocabulary and concepts. Each book has an abundance of beautiful, color photographs. These hardcover books are 48 pages in length. The individual titles are:

Buddhism
Christianity
Hinduism
Islam
Judaism
Sikhism

Six-Way Paragraphs: (Jamestown Publishers), 1983.
Reading Level: Middle Level (4-8); Advanced Level (8-12)
Cost: $7.20 U.S. per title.

Six-Way Paragraphs, Middle Level contains passages that range from grades 4-8, with 20 passages at each grade level. Each paperback contains 100 short factual passages about nature, famous people, historical events and of human interest. Each passage is followed by 6 multiple-choice questions which stress the following comprehension skills: subject matter; main idea; supporting details; conclusion; clarifying devices; and vocabulary in context. The print is large in these 238 paperbacks, with very large print editions also available for visually handicapped learners. These books are not illustrated. The individual titles are:

Six-Way Paragraphs (Middle Level)
Six-Way Paragraphs (Advanced Level)

Timed Readings: (Jamestown Publishers), 1980.
Reading Level: 4-College
Cost: $4.80 U.S. per title.
$8.00 U.S. for pacing cassette.

This series consists of 10 books, beginning at a readability level of 4 and progressing to a college level. Each book contains 50 short factual selections which deal with health, nature, nutrition, history and consumer information. All of the selections are under 400 words in length. This series can be used to assist learners to increase their reading speeds. Pacing dots are printed in the margin next to each reading selection, and pacing drills may be tutor or cassette administered. Each selection is followed by 10 explicit and implicit multiple- choice comprehension questions. There are no illustrations in these 120 page paperbacks. The titles and corresponding grade levels are listed below:

Book One (Grade 4)
Book Two (Grade 5)
Book Three (Grade 6)
Book Four (Grade 7)
Book Five (Grade 8)
Book Six (Grade 9)
Book Seven (Grade 10)
Book Eight (Grade 11)
Book Nine (Grade 12)
Book Ten (College)

Western Canadian Literature for Youth: (Alberta Education - Distributed by Mr. Harry Hanly through the Learning Resources Distributing Centre in Edmonton), 1980.
Reading Level: 5-12
Cost: No Charge

This set of 10 anthologies was a project of Alberta Education which was funded by The Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund. Generally, each book follows a theme such as people in conflict with nature, relationships between man and landscape or man's desire for identity and security. One of the books contains biographies of Canadians. Each book contains selections representative of a cross-section of reading levels, ranging between grades 5 to 12. The teacher resource book provides the reading level of each selection, and thought-provoking questions. The selections in each book are mainly written in narrative prose, but each book also contains some poetry. Each of these hardcover books is approximately 300 pages in length. The individual titles are:

In Jeopardy
Tales: Tall and True
Road to Yesterday
Western Moods
A Sense of Place
Diversions
Transitions
Panorama
Western Profiles
Who Owns the Earth?

Wildlife: (Crestwood House), 1986.
Grade Level: 5-6
Cost: $10.95 U.S. per title.

Animal lovers will probably enjoy these books. A wide variety of animals are portrayed in this excellent series, and the reader can choose from a total of 56 titles. These books describe the physical characteristics, habits, natural environment, life cycle and behaviour of each animal. Each book has several color photographs, a map, plus an index and glossary. They are very readable, and the print is of a large size. These 47 page books are available in hardcover only. The individual titles are:

The African Lion
The African Rhino
The Alligator
The Asiatic Elephant
The Badger
The Bald Eagle
The Beaver
The Bengal Tiger
The Bison
The Black Bear
The Boa Constrictor
The Bottlenose Dolphin
The Canada Goose
The Cape Buffalo
The Caribou
The Cobra
The Coyote
The Elephant Seal
The Elk
The Foxes
The Giant Panda
The Giraffes
The Gorilla
The Great Horned Owl
The Great White Shark
The Grizzly
The Humpback Whale
The Kangaroo
The Killer Whale
The Koala
The Little Brown Bat
The Mallard
The Moose
The Mule Deer
The Orangutan
The Ostrich
The Pelicans
The Penguin
The Peregrine Falcon
The Pheasant
The Polar Bear
The Porcupine
The Pronghorn
The Raccoon
The Rattlesnake
The Sheep
The Snow Goose
The Squirrel
The Striped Skunk
The Tarantulas
The Walrus
The Whitetail
The Wild Cats
The Wild Horses
The Wild Pigs
The Wolves

World History Course: (Quercus Corporation - Distributed by Ginn), 1986.
Reading Level: 4
Cost: $7.00 per title.
$5.50 for activities book.

This course features 3 history workbooks and an activity book. World History One briefly covers prehistory through the Middle Ages. World History Two takes the reader from the Middle Ages to the Industrial Revolution. The final book in the series covers modern world history. Each 64 page book has many illustrations. Although the publisher states that these workbooks are at a grade 2 reading level, this designation is inaccurate. These books are written at approximately a grade 4 level. The individual titles are:

World History: One
World History: Two
World History: Three

Yesterstories A, 1, 2 & 3: (Globe Modern), 1979.
Reading Level: 6
Cost: $7.95 per title.
$4.00 for teacher's guide.

Yesterstories is a set of 4 books which describe historical accounts between 1500 to the early 1900's from Canada's past. The 8 'Yesterstories' in each book are a combination of legends, and historical adventures and mysteries. These 128 page paperback books contain several black and white photographs and illustrations. A teacher's guide which contains comprehension questions and extension activities is also available. The individual titles are:

Yesterstories A: Fish and Ships
Yesterstories 1: The Ghostly Trapper
Yesterstories 2: The Lost Lemon Mine
Yesterstories 3: The Lady with the Missing Finger

FICTION

STAGE II LEARNERS

Adult Learner Series: (Jamestown Publishers), 1985.
Reading Level: 2-3
Cost: $5.25 U.S. per title.

This series is highly recommended because of its popularity with adult learners. It consists of 9 novels, with six written at the grade 2 level and three at the grade 3 level. Each novel has 5 or 6 chapters which are followed by multiple-choice comprehension questions, language skills and life skills. The relevancy of the language and life skills section is questionable, since these sections do not pertain directly to the story. Nevertheless, this series has been a favourite of the learners. These paperbacks are approximately 250 pages in length. The individual titles are:

Murder by Radio
The Man Who Stopped Time
The Man With the Scar
Dr. Valdez
The Secret of Room 401
A City for Ransom
Nightmare Snow
Peril on the Road
Killer in a Trance?

Adult Literacy Series: (Cambridge - Distributed by Prentice-Hall Inc.), 1983
Reading Level: Beginning Level (2-3), Intermediate Level (3-4), Advanced Level (4-5)
Cost: $3.30 per title or $60.70 for set.

This series was developed by Cambridge Publishing Company in conjunction with Literacy Volunteers of America. This set of 20 books is a potpourri of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and folklore. The print is large, but there are no illustrations interspersed with the print on the pages. Each paperback is between 26-46 pages in length. These books have been well received by the learners. The individual titles are:

Beginning Level

The Life of Lucy Fern
Time for a Change
The Maine Forest
Art in Your Hometown
Trust
Decisions in Your Life
A Long Road

Intermediate Level

Memories of East Utica
These are Your Neighbors
One Summer
Choices in Your Life
What is a Crime?
Stories from the Old Testament
Jesus of Nazareth
A Light in the Dark
Sayings and Stories

Advanced Level

Anthropology: The Story of People
A Trip Through Time
Some Artists: Their Lives, Loves and Luck
People and their Religions

BesTeller Series: (Pitman Learning - Distributed by Permabound, Copp Clark Pitman and David S. Lake Publishers), 1979.
Reading Level: 3-4
Cost: $5.50 per title (paperback), $10.31 per title (hardbound)

Ten more titles were recently added to this series to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the original series publication. BesTellers now consists of 40 titles. In addition, 30 of the titles are available in a magazine format, which is more popular than the paperback format. The books are a mixture of science fiction, mystery, suspense and adventure. The 60 page paperbacks have very few illustrations. The magazines contain word searches, crossword puzzles, and explicit comprehension questions. Several of the books in this series would probably appeal more to adolescents and young adults. The individual titles are:

BesTellers I

Flight to Fear
Diamonds in the Dirt
Night of the Kachina
The Money Game
The Verlaine Crossing
Silvabamba
The Time Trap
The Candy Man
Three Mile House
Dream of the Dead

BesTellers II

Escape from Tomorrow
Black Beach
Crash Dive
Wind Over Stonehenge
Gypsy
The Demeter Star
North to Oak Island
So Wild a Dream
Wet Fire
Tiger, Lion, Hawk

BesTellers III

Little Big Top
The Animals
Counterfeit
Night of Fire and Blood
I Died Here
Star Gold
Bad Moon
Jungle Jenny
Secret Spy
Village of Vampires

BesTellers IV

Dares
Follow the Whales
Welcome to Skull Canyon
Blackbeard's Medal
Time's Reach
Tomorrow's Child
Trouble at Catskill Creek
A Changed Man
Hong Kong Heat
The Cardiff Hill Mystery

Collins English Library: (William Collins and Sons - Distributed by Provincial News), various dates of publication.
Reading Level 2-7
Cost: $4.00 per title.

This library features 6 levels of books, with each level having between 9-13 titles. Level 1 has a grade 2 readability, level 2 has a grade 3 readability and so on. Grammatical structure, vocabulary, idiom and sentence length are all controlled which does affect the quality of some of the books at the lower levels. Nevertheless, the majority of the titles and storylines will be of interest to adults. These illustrated paperbacks are a mixture of fiction, non-fiction, and adapted classics. The books are published in Britain, and consequently the settings of several books are in Britain. The individual titles are:

Level 1

Where is Bill Ojo?
Crocodile
Four Short Stories
The Story of Macbeth
Fast Money
It's a Trick
Inspector Holt & the Fur Van
Taxi
Tin Lizzie
Dead in the Morning
Letters from the Dead
The Pathfinders
Cats in the Dark

Level 2

Charles and Diana
Inspector Holt Gets His Man
Madame Tussaud's
Muhammad Ali
Oliver Twist
The Bridge
The Charlie Chaplin Story
Three Sherlock Holmes Adventures
The Magic Garden
The Prince and the Poor Boy
The Story of Scotland Yard
The Titanic is Sinking
The Wrestler
Two Roman Stories
The Canterville Ghost

Level 3

Five Ghost Stories
Brainbox and Bull
Climb a Lonely Hill
Custer's Gold
The Gunshot Grand Prix
Born Free
Cinema Stunts
I Will be Called John
David Copperfield
Three English Kings
Easy English Poems
An American Tragedy
Six American Stories

Level 4

King Solomon's Mines
The White South
Landslide
A Christmas Carol
Jane Eyre
Pride and Prejudice
Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde
The Secret Sharer & Other Sea Stories
Huckleberry Finn
The African Child
Tiger
Airport International
Nothing is the Number When You Die
The Lovely Lady & Other Stories

Level 5

The Guns of Navarone
Where Eagles Dare
I Know my Love
The Wreck of the Mary Deare
The Eagle has Landed
Geordie
Among the Elephants
The Mayor of Casterbridge
Wuthering Heights
Sense and Sensibility
Middlemarch
Victory
Experiences of Terror
House of a Thousand Lanterns
The Glory Boys
Harry's Game
Inspector Holt Breaks an Egg
Hard Times
In the Shadow of Man
Doctor Zhivago
Sons and Lovers
The Dark Frontier

Follett ABE Reading Program: (Follett Publishing Company - Distributed by Prentice-Hall Inc.), 1983.
Reading Level: 1-4
Cost: $5.20 per title.

This program consists of 12 paperback books, with 2 books at each reading level. Each 64 page book contains at least 12 short selections. These selections have a combination of informational and narrative text. The lower level books contain numerous photographs and illustrations, and a small amount of print. The 2 lowest level readers have been successfully used with Stage I learners. The individual titles are:

Hello World and Other Stories
A Hard Night's Run and Other Stories
Stay Alive and Other Stories
Easy Money the Hard Way and Other Stories
The Lucky Break and Other Stories
A Good Man and Other Stories
Run for Your Life and Other Stories

Jim Hunter Books: (Pitman Learning - Distributed by Permabound, David S. Lake Publishers and Lakeshore Curriculum Materials), 1980.
Reading Level: 1-3
Cost: $9.06 per hardbound title.
Cost for paperback titles is unknown.

In this series of 16 titles, the reader will meet Jim Hunter, a secret agent who is continually trying to foil the plans of his arch enemy. The number of words per page and size of type varies from 32 page books with balloon captions to 80 page books with standard type. The illustrations on almost every page correspond well with the the book's storyline. These books are available in paperback and hardcover. The individual titles are:

Jim and the Dolphin
Jim and the Sun Goddess
Danger in the Mountains
The Desert Chase
The Diamond Smugglers
The Island of Helos
Jim in Training
The Missing Aircraft
Prisoner of Pedro Cay
Race for Gold
Rescue Mission
The Sniper at Zimba
The Killer Rocket
Sabotage in the Arctic
The Shipwreckers
The Temple of Mantos

Laubach Way to Reading: Correlated Readers (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1982.
Reading Level: 1-3
Cost: $1.90 for 'In the Valley' & 'City Living'.
$2.65 for 'Changes'.
$3.65 for 'People and Places'.

The 4 readers in this series are correlated to the Laubach's Skill Books. The vocabulary is controlled and the text is very repetitive. Learners who enjoy structure and repetition will probably like to read these paperbacks. Each 20-30 page book contains a word list and a few illustrations. The individual titles are:

In the Valley
City Living
Changes
People and Places

Lifetimes: (Fearon Pitman Publishers - Distributed by Copp Clark Pitman & David S. Lake Publishers), 1979.
Reading Level: 1-2
Cost: $4.95 per title.
$27.95 for curriculum guide.

This excellent series has now expanded from 7 titles to 14. These readers were written specifically for adults and each novelette deals with adult characters facing realistic problems and dilemmas. Each line of text is arranged in 'natural word groupings' which aids the reader in gaining fluency. This also means that even though there are no illustrations in the books, the arrangement of text does not overwhelm the reader. Please note that this series was cited for excellence by the American Library Association. These paperback books are approximately 58 pages in length. A curriculum guide is also available. The individual titles are:

The Family from Vietnam
So Long Snowman
Time to Choose
Mollie's Year
A Place for Everyone
The Shoplifting Game
Juan and Lucy
Take Away Three
Climbing the Wall
The Door is Open
Just for Today
Chicken by Che
Play Money
The Missing Piece

Longman Readers: (Longman - Distributed by Copp Clark Pitman), 1981.
Reading Level: 2 and up
Cost: $3.50 per title.

The Longman Group has published a tremendous number of leisure reading novelettes. The Longman Structural Readers feature 6 stages of reading, with Level 1 having a readability level of grade 2, and Level 2 having a readability level of grade 3 and so forth. Each stage includes at least 10 fiction books plus a few plays with the remaining books being non-fiction. The books vary in length, with those at Level 1 having 16 pages and those at Level 3 being up to 90 pages in length. Books at Level 1 have many illustrations, and some written in a cartoon format. Since Longman is a British publisher, learners will encounter British spellings and expressions. Some of the titles are more suitable for adolescents. Please note that Copp Clark Pitman may not carry all of the Longman titles which were listed before as they just began carrying the series. The individual titles are:

Level 1

Elvis Presley
The Battle of Newton Road
Operation Janus
The Sheriff
Detectives from Scotland Yard
The Prisoners
Nick and the Motorbike
Mike's Lucky Day
The Flying Spy
Garry's First Season
It Never Snows in England
Lisa in London

Level 2

Inspector Thackeray Arrives
Hamad the Diver
The Boy and the Donkey
Island of the Volcanoes
Double Fear and other Short Stories
Rockstars

Level 3

Fiction

Dangerous Game
David and Marianne
Gandhi
The Munich Connection
Operation Mastermind
Everest the Hard Way
Ulster Story

Non-Fiction

Galileo
How Life Began

Plays

Seven One Act Plays
Police
Inspector Thackery Calls

Level 4

Fiction

The Prisoner of Zenda
Silas Marner
Seven Greek Tales
The Thirty-Nine Steps
Gold Robbery & Mine Mystery
The Angry Valley
Island of the Blue Dolphins
The White Mountains
The Birds and other Short Stories
The Forger
Fast Circuit
Desiree, the Wife of Marshal Bernadotte
Doomwatch: The World in Danger

Non-Fiction

Oil
What's Happening in Medicine

Plays

Loyalty
Three Mystery Plays

Level 5

Fiction

Kidnapped
On the Beach
Thunderball
The Sign of Indra
Stranger Things Have Happened
Mogul
Bush Fire and Hurricane
The Diamond as Big as the Ritz

Non-Fiction

Animals Dangerous to Man
Man and Modern Science

The Bike Racers
The City of Gold and Lead
Wild Jack
Desiree, Queen of Sweden
Hard Times

Plays

The Seventh Key
Mystery on the Moor
Inspector Thackeray Investigates

Level 6

Fiction

For Your Eyes Only
Modern Short Stories
Tales of the Caliphs
The Kon-Tiki Expedition
The Young Warriors
The Go-Between
A Passage to India
The Machine stops and other Stories
The Pool of Fire
Brave New World

The New Start Reading Series: (East End Literacy Press), 1985.
Reading Level: 1-2
Cost: $2.50 per title.

This set of 3 books was written by adult learners at the Toronto East End Literacy Project. In 'Getting Along', Robert talks about working in a sheltered workshop. In 'New Year's 1960', Hank explains why he received a citation for bravery. Finally, 'Working Together' provides a 'snapshot' of what occurs at a Students for Action meeting. This series is inexpensive and ideal for beginning readers. The print is large, with only a small amount on each page. Illustrations help to convey the meaning of the print. These paperbacks are 32 pages in length. The individual titles are:

Getting Along
New Year's 1960
Working Together

Scott Foresman Adult Reading: Comprehension: (Scott Foresman and Company - Distributed by Gage Publishing Limited), 1981.
Reading Level: 3-6
Cost: $6.30 per title
$6.30 for teacher's guide.

This series presents 24 books based on 4 separate themes: 'People', 'Coping', 'Messages', and 'Culture'. There are 6 books per theme, ranging in reading level from 3-6. Each 63 page book contains 17 short selections which are a combination of narrative prose, informational passages, and poetry. Several comprehension questions follow each selection and an answer key is located in the back of each paperback. The print is large, and each book has several photographs and illustrations. This series is popular with adult learners. The individual titles are:

People (Books A through to F)
Messages (Books A through to F)
Cultures (Books A through to F)
Coping (Books A through to F)

Specter Series: (David S. Lake Publishers - Distributed by Copp Clark Pitman), 1979.
Reading Level: 2-4
Cost: $5.50 per title.

This series is for those who enjoy reading about the occult, and psychic phenomena. For instance, in '57 T-Bird', a vintage sports car holds a dreadful curse for its owner. The simple syntax and vocabulary make these books very readable. There are no illustrations. These 42 page books are available in paperback. A Super Specter Series is now available, but the books are at a higher reading level (3-4). The individual titles are:

Specter Series (grades 2-3)

The Actor	Homecoming
A Deadly Game	No Rent to Pay
Dreams	ZB4
The Ear	'57 T-Bird

Super Specter Series (grades 3-4)

The Man Who Couldn't Come Clean
A Guest From the Grave
The Lost One
Sometimes Nightmares Are Real
Maze of Terror
A Game of Revenge

SporTellers: (David S. Lake Publishers - Also distributed by Permabound and Copp Clark Pitman), 1981.
Reading Level: 3
Cost: $5.50 per title (paperback), $10.31 per title (hardbound)

The storyline and language used in these books is probably more appealing to adolescents and young adults than to older adults. Each of the 8 novels focuses on a different sport and the conflicts and challenges which athletes face. There is a good balance of male and female athletes portrayed in each novel. The print in these 60 page books is large. There are very few illustrations. The individual titles are:

Catch the Sun (running)	Stroke of Luck (swimming)
High Escape (skiing)	Play-Off (football)
Foul Play (basketball)	Strike Two (baseball)
Race to Win (car racing)	Fear of Ice (hockey)

Stories of Surprise and Wonder: (Globe Modern), 1979.
Reading Level: 3
Cost: $7.95

This book is an anthology of 18 tales which have been adapted for beginning adult readers. The stories are short, 3-7 pages, and each one could probably be covered in one lesson. Each story begins with an introduction to new vocabulary. Ten multiple choice questions at the explicit and implicit level follow each passage. This paperback is 182 pages in length.

Stranger Than Fiction: (Globe Modern), 1978.
Reading Level: 3
Cost: $8.15

This paperback contains an interesting melange of 36 news items. The items look as if they have been abstracted directly from a newspaper. Each news item is followed by vocabulary development, explicit multiple-choice comprehension questions, and a few writing exercises. The print in this 179 page book is small.

Sundown Collection: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1981.
Reading Level: 3
Cost: $5.25 per title.
$14.05 per study pack (10 study guides & 1 teacher's guide)

This collection includes 14 titles available in paperback. There are differences among the books in their suitability for adults. The theme of women and men striving for independence is addressed in several of the books. Three of the books, 'Along the Gold Rush Trail', 'The Freedom Side', and 'Last Chance for Freedom' are American historical novelettes. Illustrations are sparse and each page contains many lines of text. Most of these paperbacks are 64 pages in length. Study packs may also be purchased. The individual titles are:

Lady in Pink
Night on 'Gator Creek
Nobody Wants Annie
Just Once
The Other Side of Yellow
Out of the Rough
Take Care of Millie
A Dream With Storms
In and Out of Windows
A New Life
Ben's Gift
Along the Gold Rush Trail
The Freedom Side
Last Chance for Freedom

FICTION

STAGE III LEARNERS

A Matter of Judgement: (Globe Book Company), 1979.
Reading Level: 6
Cost: $7.95

The stories in this book are short yet meaningful enough to invite discussion. The 16 selections present people in the midst of moral dilemmas, forced to make choices. Several of the selections were written by Roger Goodman and Charles Spiegler. Each passage is followed by 3 pages of comprehension questions, vocabulary development and short writing assignments.

Adapted Classic Tales: (Globe Book Company), 1980.
Reading Level: 4-8
Cost: $8.50 per title.

This collection features The Odyssey, 13 classic novels and 4 collections of short stories. The editors have abridged long passages, and simplified the vocabulary and sentence structure. Nonetheless, this series has not experienced a high circulation rate. Readers seem deterred by the length of the books which are between 230 to 330 pages. The illustrations are sparse. The most popular books tend to be the 4 collections of short stories. The individual titles are:

An O Henry Reader
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
The Edgar Allan Poe Reader
Tales Worth Retelling
Oliver Twist
The Scarlet Letter
The War of the Worlds
Great Expectations
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea
Tom Sawyer
Jane Eyre
A Tale of Two Cities
Treasure Island
Moby Dick
The Odyssey
Huckleberry Finn

Adult Readers Library: (Scott Foresman - Distributed by Gage Publishing Limited), 1982.
Reading Level: 3-6
Cost: $4.00 per title
$6.30 for teacher's guide.

This collection of 15 titles is a mixture of fiction, biographies, informational and 'how-to' books. These 64 page paperbacks resemble 'regular' adult readers. The print is large, but only a few of the books contain illustrations. Overall, quality varies from book to book. The ones having the highest circulation are marked with an asterisk:

*Truth is Stranger than Fiction
*Stages in Adult Life
*Your Body in Sickness and Health
*All the Way Back: A Story of Courage
*Carlotta's House
*Images of Courage
*Mother Teresa
Dona Eleanora and Lord Edward
Cargo
The Life and Times of Alberta Hunter
Mary Ellen and Ida: Portraits of Two Women
Those Who Dared: Adventure Stories from the Bible
Night Prowlers
Becoming a Supervisor
Getting and Keeping a Job

A Kind of Leaving: (Peckman Publishing Project), 1987.
Reading Level: 5
Cost: 1 pound

This book is about Donna's struggle for a place of her own. When Donna moves from Trinidad to England, she finds life unbearable in the home of her father and stepmother. The story ends on a positive note when Donna moves into her own flat and comes to terms with her new life in England. The print in this 32 page paperback is large, and there are several color photographs. This book was written by Millie Richards, a learner with the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit (ALBSU) Fiction Group.

Disasters: (Jamestown Publishers), 1982.
Reading Level: 7
Cost: $7.20 U.S.

This title has not experienced a very high circulation rate. Learners probably do not find the title very appealing. The book describes 21 well known historic catastrophies such as the Great Chicago Fire, the sinking of the Titanic and the Hindenburg. Each disaster is 2-3 pages in length and is followed by a set of comprehension questions which stress vocabulary development and recognizing the main idea and supporting details.

Doomsday Journals: (Pitman Learning - Distributed by Copp Clark Pitman and Permabound), 1982.
Reading Level: 6-7
Cost: $5.50 (paperback), $10.11 (hardbound)

These are the journals of Dr. Carla Lancaster, an astronomer who travelled extensively around the world. Each journal is about a disaster or out-of-control event that occured in the few years before Ryan's comet passed near Earth and collided with its moon. It is recommended that learners begin this series by reading the journal entitled 'Comet'. These 75 page paperbacks do not have any illustrations. The individual titles are:

Comet
Final Warning
The Seep
Bedford Fever
Lost Valley
Fireball

Experiencing Poetry: (Globe Books), 1987.
Reading Level: 5-6
Cost: $7.50

This book serves as an excellent introduction to poetry. It contains more than 130 short poems arranged in 6 unit themes. Some of the writers include Robert Frost, Ralph Waldo Emerson, e.e. cummings, Edgar Allan Poe, Emily Dickinson, Carl Sandburg and Walt Whitman. Throughout the book are questions which invite responses from the reader and writing exercises. This 150 page paperback contains a few black and white photographs.

Fastbacks: (Fearon - Distributed by Copp Clark Pitman, Permabound and David S. Lake Publishers).
Reading Level: 4-5
Cost: $2.95 per title (paperback), $6.81 per title hardbound).

This series presents between 70-80 books based on 7 different themes: 'Crime and Detection', 'Mystery', 'Romance', 'Spy', 'Science Fiction', 'Horror', and 'Sports'. The Fastbacks Romance series is geared towards an adolescent audience. The size of the books, (4 inches by 5), is a drawback since they do not resemble adult readers. These 30 page paperbacks do not contain any illustrations. The individual titles are:

Fastback Mystery Books

Bill Waite's Will
Cardiac Arrest
Dawson's City
The Diary
Face That Stopped Time
Game for Fools
Good Luck Smiling Cat
Mad Enough to Kill
The Intruder
Janie
No Witnesses
Shoot Out at Joe's

Fastback Romances

Fifteen
For Always
The Girl in the Painting
Just Like Everyone Else
Maggie: The Freak
Nobody Knows But Me
Oh, Rick
A Part of the Dream
Survival Camp
Two Different Girls

Fastback Science Fiction

The Champion
Dateline: I.P.S.
Eden's Daughter
The Flavorist
Hennesy's Test
Just in Case
Sinking Ship
The Spotter
Tripping
Vital Force

Fastback Horror

Night Ride
Night Games
The Lonely One
Live Bait
The Caller
Guts
The Disappearing Man
Mad Dog
The Masterpiece
Message for Murder
No Power on Earth
Tomb of Horror

Fastback Sports

Markers
The Kid with the Left Hook
Game Day
The Comeback
The Rookie
Claire
Marathon
Redmond's Shot
The Sure Thing
Turk

Fastback Spy

The Cobra
The Ham Who Cried Wolf
Dangerous Waters
Death in Any Language
Double Exposure
Flight of the Sparrow
The Last Hand
The Legend
Pension Plan
The Trap

Fastback Crime & Detection

Beginner's Luck
The Blind Alley
Dressed Up for Murder
The Kid Who Sold Money
The Lottery Winner
No Loose Ends
Return Payment
Small-Beat Town
Snowbound
The Wet Goodbye

Hutchinson Bulls-Eye Series: (Hutchinson - Distributed by Copp Clark Pitman), 1985.
Reading Level: 6
Cost: $5.50 per title.

This series is an adapted or revised set of bestsellers. Some of the more well-known authors are Ian Fleming, Frederick Forsyth, Dick Francis and James Herriot. Standard type is used and there are no illustrations. These readers have been enjoyed by many learners, although some refrain from reading them due to the length of the books. The books are approximately 125 pages in length. The individual titles are:

Casino Royale
The Dam Busters
The Day of the Jackal
Dead Cert
The Devil's Alternative
Diamonds are Forever
Dracula
Frankenstein
Great Escape
If Only They Could Talk
A Kind of Loving
It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet
Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner
The Spy Who Came in from the Cold
Madam, Will You Talk?
The Man With the Golden Gun
The Quest of Julian Day
Ring of Bright Water
A River Ran Out of Eden
Shout at the Devil
Slay Ride
Walkabout
Vets Might Fly
Winged Escort

In the News: (John Wiley and Sons), 1984.
Reading Level: 8
Cost: $12.95

The prominent feature of this book is the Canadian content. 'In the News' is a collection of thirty articles which have appeared in Canadian newspapers and magazines. Sports, current social issues, employment and human interest are just some of the topics covered in the articles. Each article is augmented by vocabulary exercises, implicit and explicit comprehension exercises and writing assignments. Each article in this 190 page paperback is accompanied by a black and white photograph.

Insight and Outlook: (Globe Book Company), 1975.
Reading Level: 7-8
Cost: $9.75

This paperback is a collection of 16 titles which explore various themes such as 'facing life's problems', 'pursuing the goal of happiness', and 'understanding ourselves'. The book begins with a useful guide which describes the elements found in a short story. Each selection begins with an introduction to the author and to the story. The stories are between 5 - 20 pages in length and each one is followed by thought-provoking comprehension questions. All of the stories in this 274 page paperback are unabridged and unadapted.

Jamestown Classics: (Jamestown Publishers), 1982.
Reading Level: 5
Cost: $3.00 U.S. per title.
$4.00 U.S. for teacher's guide.
$12.00 U.S. per cassette.

This series features 24 adapted classics by 6 well-known authors. These illustrated short stories range in length from 6 - 19 pages. Comprehension questions, key concept questions, and discussion starters follow each short story. These 48 page paperbacks also contain glossaries. Read along cassettes and a teacher's guide are also available. The teacher's guide has an introduction to the authors which the learner may find interesting. The individual titles are:

The Gift of the Magi
The Ranson of Red Chief
Alias Jimmy Valentine
The Last Leaf
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
Markheim
The Body Snatcher
The Bottle Imp
The Tell-Tale Heart
The Pit and the Pendulum
The Masque of the Red Death
The Gold Bug
Diable, the Dog
The Marriage of Lit-Lit
The Law of Life
Nam-Bok, the Liar
The Luck of Roaring Camp
The Outcasts of Poker Flat
Mliss
The Girl from Pike County
The Musgrave Ritual
The Case of the Six Napoleons
The Red-Headed League
The Case of the Five Orange Pips

Lifestyles: (Globe Books), 1972.
Reading Level: 6-7
Cost: $9.75

Here's another collection of short stories from Globe Books. This book contains 18 narratives from well-known authors such as Pearl S. Buck, John Steinbeck, John Updike and Arthur Miller. Each selection is followed by questions dealing with characterization, mood, plot and author's intention. The stories vary in length and are between 13 to 30 pages long.

Milk River: (Peckman Publishing Project), 1985.
Reading Level: 4
Cost: 1 pound, 35 pence.

This topnotch book of poetry was written by learners from Jamaica and St. Lucia. If your program has a high enrollment of Caribbean learners, this is the book for you. The 40 page booklet has large print, and contains several black-and-white photographs of Jamaica and St. Lucia. The language and photography in this paperback will spark many pleasant memories for those readers who have lived in the Caribbean and it will spark interest in the Caribbean for those who have never visited that part of the world.

Myths and Folktales From Around the World: (Globe Book Company), 1985.
Reading Level: 4
Cost: $9.95

The concepts presented in this book and the unfamiliar genre of these myths and folktales may present difficulties for some learners. A great deal of pre-reading discussion will probably be necessary. Fortunately, each selection begins with an introduction to new vocabulary and some background information about the myth. To facilitate comprehension, deities in Greek myths such as Aphrodite and Eros have been given their equivalent Roman names (Venus and Cupid). The book contains 46 myths and folktales from around the world. Each selection in this 370 page book is between 3-10 pages in length.—At the end of the book, a set of thought-provoking questions are provided for each selection.

Open-Ended Stories: (Globe Book Company), 1973.
Reading Level: 4-5
Cost: $8.25

The 20 short stories in this book are about young adults. The book addresses several universal themes such as 'the search for identity', 'brotherhood', and 'choosing values'. With each of the stories, the reader must supply the ending. Many adult learners do not like this book as they seem hesitant to provide a conclusion for a story in which they do not have a sense of ownership.

Real Stories Series: (Globe Book Company), 1985.
Reading Level: 3-6
Cost: $7.95 per title.

This series is a collection of true to life stories adapted from newspapers and magazines. Real Stories consists of 4 paperbacks. Each paperback contains 24-30 short selections. The books range in length from 170 to 250 pages. Each selection is followed by 4-5 pages of comprehension questions, vocabulary development exercises and writing exercises. Every story is accompanied by an illustration. The individual titles are:

Book A (Reading Level 3-4)
Book B (Reading Level 3-4)
Book 1 (Reading Level 4-5)
Book 2 (Reading Level 5-6)

Snapshots: (Cambridge - Distributed by Prentice-Hall Inc.) 1984.
Reading Level: 5-8
Cost: $5.95 per title

Snapshots consists of 4 books, with one book at each grade level. Each book contains 25 short reading selections which are all under 800 words. The selections have been taken from recent books, magazines and newspapers. It should be noted that the American content in the passages is high. Computers, money, energy and the environment, health concerns and social relationships are some of the issues dealt with in the passages. One shortcoming is that the selections were not given titles, which makes choosing a selection to read difficult. Multiple-choice comprehension questions follow each selection, plus detailed answers and explanations that show the reader how to analyze the passage to obtain the correct answer. The individual titles are:

Snapshots RL 5	Snapshots RL 7
Snapshots RL 6	Snapshots RL 8

Tales of Mystery and the Unknown: (Globe Books), 1985.
Reading Level: 6
Cost: $8.25

The 18 passages in this book form a collection of science fiction, supernatural and strange tales from the past. The passages have been adapted from originals by well known authors such as Poe and H.G. Wells. The selections vary in length from 3-12 pages. Standard type is used and the illustrations are limited to one per story. Explicit and implicit multiple choice comprehension questions follow each selection. As well, an introduction to new vocabulary precedes each story. Overall, the book has a good collection of passages.

Talespinners: (Fearon Education - Distributed by David S. Lake Publishers, Copp Clark Pitman and Permabound), 1981.
Reading Level: 4
Cost: $5.50 per title (softcover), $10.31 per title (hardbound)

Talespinners has recently expanded from 8 to 16 titles. Although the publisher states that the readability levels are between grades 2-4, the higher level seems to be a more accurate representation of the reading level. The 16 books are a combinaton of mysteries, adventure and science fiction. In some of the books the central character is an adult, whereas in others, it is an adolescent. These 75 page books contain only an introductory illustration. The most recent titles are:

Set I

Balloon Spies
Better Than New
Death Angel
Dream Pirate
Golden God
Johnny Tall Dog
The Joker
Man in the Cage

Set II

The Adventures of Shelley Holmes
Bad Luck Gold
The Eye of Kali
Hard Road to Paradise
The Last Cowboy
Out of This World
The Poison Pen Mystery
A Question of Freedom

WORKBOOKS

This next section has been categorized into 2 categories: 1) word identification workbooks; 2) comprehension workbooks. Many publishers market reading programs which are based on the skills approach to reading. These programs have been placed under WORD IDENTIFICATION since this is their focus for diagnosis and remediation. In the skills approach reading is viewed as a set of skills which need to be learned sequentially. In this approach reading is not viewed as an interaction between the reader's knowledge and print. Neither is reading viewed as a communication process occuring between reader and author. Although none of these programs are recommended as a 'core' reading program, they could be used to supplement the learner's individualized program or they could be used as a tutor/learner reference.

WORD IDENTIFICATION

Challenger: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1985.
Reading Level: 1-6
Cost: $7.95 per title.
$8.50 for teacher's guide
$4.85 for answer key

The Challenger program consists of 5 workbooks and a teacher's guide. This series stresses word identification and the development of a set of reading skills. The workbooks vary in length from 112 - 192 pages, but each one contains 20 lessons. The books also vary in the genre of the passages. For instance, narrative passages are found in workbooks 1 & 3, nonfiction passages are located in workbooks 2 & 4, and workbook 5 contains adaptations from various pieces of literature. American content is kept to a minimum. Structural analysis and phonics are emphasized and a review of these skills is built into each workbook. The print is large in workbook 1 and gradually decreases in size with each workbook. There are no illustrations. It is recommended that these workbooks be used to supplement the learner's individualized program. The individual titles are:

Challenger 1
Challenger 2
Challenger 3
Challenger 4
Challenger 5

Entering the Reader's World: (Cambridge - Distributed by Prentice-Hall Inc.) 1987.
Reading Level: 0-4
Cost: $7.60 per title
$17.20 for administrator's manual
$4.70 for diagnostic test

This is a set of 3 workbooks, a diagnostic test and an administrator's manual. According to the publishers, the main purpose of this series is to help nonreaders acquire the prerequisite skills for literacy. Judging from the contents of this series, pre-requisite skills are deemed to be: learning the alphabet; developing a sight vocabulary; and acquiring perceptual skills. The pages in each of the workbooks are perforated with the inside of the page being the learner's workpage and the outside column containing the teacher's directions. This series is not recommended because skills are taught in isolation.

Glass-Analysis for Decoding Only: (Easier to Learn, Inc. - Distributed by Walker and Company), 1976.
Reading Level: 1-6
Cost: $260.00 U.S. for complete program
$86.50 U.S. for 30 Starter Cluster Packs and 30 Medium Cluster Packs with teacher's guide.
$86.50 U.S. for 30 Harder Cluster Packs and 30 Completer Cluster Packs, with teacher's guide.
$49.00 U.S. for set of 20 Starter and Medium 'Follow Though Practice Books', with teacher's guide.
$49.00 U.S. for set of 20 Harder and Completer 'Follow Though Practice Books', with teacher's guide.

This kit will assist readers who tend to analyze small units of print, and need practice in processing larger print units. The complete program consists of four boxed sets (Starters, Mediums, Completers and Harders) with each one containing 30 cluster packs. Each cluster pack represents a specific letter clustering such as 'at', 'ash' or 'ack'. The 17 words in each cluster pack are arranged in order of increasing difficulty. For example, sad, mad, glad; sadness, radish, admit; address, disadvantage, admiration. In addition to the 120 cluster packs, this program also includes 8 illustrated, 32 page 'Follow Through Practice' books. The clusterpacks are appropriate for use with adults whereas the practise books would be appropriate for use with children. The individual titles are:

Cluster Packs	Practice Books
Starter	Starters
Mediums	Mediums
Harders	Harders
Completers	Completers

New Beginnings in Reading: (Contemporary Books), 1984.
Reading Level: 0-3
Cost: $3.50 U.S. per title.
$3.50 for teacher's guide.
$3.50 for groundbreaker exercises

This program includes 8 workbooks, a placement test, an instructor's guide and a book of groundbreaker exercises. Word identification is stressed throughout the workbooks. Print based decoding skills such as phonics, sight words and structural analysis are the key components of this program. Many of the exercises are devoid of meaning in terms of objectives and purpose and do not assist the reader in learning the skills being emphasized. The typeset in these illustrated books is large.

Read On: (Literacy Volunteers of America), 1978.
Reading Level: 0-7
Cost: $3.75 U.S. for textbooks.
$2.00 U.S. for workbooks.
$4.00 for teacher's guide.

The Read On Series consists of 6 paperback textbooks, 6 workbooks and a teacher's guide. The program was designed to be flexible and to be used by tutors and learners. The program is based on a combination of analytic phonics and sight word instruction. The textbooks introduce word patterns or families, which are then followed by a passage in which the vocabulary is controlled. Word cards are provided in each textbook for review and testing. Tutor directions and a script for the tutor to use appear on the left-hand page of the textbook and the learner's material is on the right-hand page. The accompanying workbooks provide further practice with the words introduced in each unit. In order to experience success with this program, learners need to have strength in the visual area. Also, if this program is used, it should be complemented by a variety of other materials and resources which are more meaningful to the learner. The individual titles are:

Book 1	Workbook 1
Book 2	Workbook 2
Book 3	Workbook 3
Book 4	Workbook 4
Book 5	Workbook 5
Book 6	Workbook 6

The Laubach Way to Reading: (New Readers Press - Distributed by Educators Publishing), 1981
Reading Level: 0-6
Cost: Prices vary (See below for price listing).

This series consists of 4 skill books, 4 teacher's manuals, 4 readers, and supplementary materials. The program is very structured and prescriptive in nature. Reading is viewed as a sequential activity, and each book introduces a set of skills to the learner. The skill books progress from teaching consonant sounds to short vowels to long vowels and finally to consonant digraphs. The skill books vary in length and in the number of lessons, with Skill Book 1 containing 13 lessons and Skill Book 4 containing 23 lessons. Each lesson is comprised of a passage and a set of activities, all of which emphasize the skill being taught. The passages in Skill Book 1 are under 100 words in length, and the language used is very repetitive and predictable. With each skill book, the language becomes less predictable, and the passages gradually increase in length. The print in Skill Book 1 is large, and gradually decreases in size with each skill book. The passages are followed by a set of activities which reinforce practical life skills and comprehension skills. The comprehension questions are mainly explicit. The success of this well-known program differs among learners. The major drawback is that the program is not individualized, as the focus is on the attainment of skills rather than HOW the learner is reading. If this program is used, it should be supplemented by a variety of other meaningful activities such as language experience which encourages the learner's use of language knowledge and his/her knowledge of the world. The individual titles are:

Skill Book 1 ($5.45)
Skill Book 2 ($5.45)
Skill Book 3 ($7.50)
Skill Book 4 ($8.50)
Teacher's Manual for Skill Book 1 ($5.80)
Teacher's Manual for Skill Book 2 ($5.80)
Teacher's Manual for Skill Book 3 ($8.75)
Teacher's Manual for Skill Book 4 ($10.20)

Reading for Today: (Steck-Vaughn - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1987
Reading Level: 0-5
Cost: $6.75 per title.
$9.95 per teacher's guide

This series of 5 workbooks is based on a skills approach to reading. There is a heavy emphasis on phonics and sight words. Book 1 focuses on the attainment of consonant sounds, Book 2 stresses short vowels, Book 3 concentrates on long vowels and so on. A teacher's edition is available for each workbook. This series is not recommended as a core reading program. The individual titles are:

Book 1 (grades 0-1)
Book 2 (grades 1-2)
Book 3 (grades 2-3)
Book 4 (grades 3-4)
Book 5 (grades 4-5)

The Phonics Program: (Modern Curriculum Press - Distributed by Globe Books), 1982.
Reading Level: 1-6
Cost: Prices vary (See below for listing).
$15.95 per teacher's guide.

This program consists of 6 workbooks and 6 teacher's editions. The program is based on a skills approach to reading and comes with a scope and sequence chart. Each book is segmented into a multitude of phonics skills. The illustrations in the books would be more appealing to children than to adults. These workbooks should only be used as references for tutors who are assisting learners in 'developing their phonics and/or structural analysis skills. The individual titles are:

Level A ($7.25)	Teacher's Edition for Level A ($15.95)
Level B ($7.15)	Teacher's Edition for Level B ($15.95)
Level C ($6.99)	Teacher's Edition for Level C ($15.95)
Level D ($6.99)	Teacher's Edition for Level D ($15.95)
Level E ($6.90)	Teacher's Edition for Level E ($15.95)
Level F ($6.90)	Teacher's Edition for Level F ($15.95)

Troubleshooter: (Houghton Mifflin), 1979
Reading Level:
Cost: $5.88 per title.

Houghton Mifflin publishes 2 editions of Troubleshooter. The 1979 edition consists of 8 workbooks whereas the 1980 edition consists of 6 workbooks. The series does not profess to be a 'reading program', but instead, features targeted practice on specific reading skills. Several of the skills in the word identification workbooks are taught in isolation and only require the learner to create words by adding prefixes or suffixes. The individual titles are:

1979 Edition	1980 Edition
Sound Out	Word Recogniton
Sound Off	Vocabulary
Spelling Action	Parts of Speech
Word Attack	Reading Comprehension
Word Mastery	Aids to Spelling and Writing
Sentence Strength	Reading and Studying Skills
Punctuation Power	
English Achievement	

COMPREHENSION WORKBOOKS

STAGE II

Cloze Connections: (Barnell Loft), 1981.
Reading Level: 1-9
Cost: $4.20 per title.

These books are designed for learners who need practise in using meaning, print and language cues to predict words. This set contains 9 workbooks, with each one being at a different readability level. Each book contains dozens of paragraphs in which certain words have been deleted. These cloze exercises are modified since the learner is provided with 4 words to choose from when making his/her prediction. With the exception of Level A, all of the workbooks contain subject matter which is appropriate for adults. These books would be useful for independent practice. The individual titles are:

Cloze Connections A through to Cloze Connections I

Everyday People: (Steck Vaughn Company - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1984.
Reading Level: 3-4
Cost: $6.75 per title

This workbook is part of a series entitled the Adult Reading Collection. The remaining 2 titles in the series are 'Finding a Job' and 'Managing Money'. 'Everyday People' contains 40 paragraphs, with each one followed by exercises. The language is stilted which results in flat, choppy sentences. The exercises consist mainly of factual questions and meaningless isolated tasks.

Mastering Basic Reading Skills: (Steck-Vaughn - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1985.
Reading Level: 2-7
Cost: $7.75 per title.
$9.95 per teacher's guide.

This series contains 8 workbooks at various readability levels. Each workbook has approximately 22 reading selections which range in length from 2-4 pages. The subject matter is generally factual and includes biographies, nature stories, occupations, and sports. Each selection is preceded by an illustration, a brief overview of the subject matter and an introduction to new vocabulary words. The workbooks are divided into 5 units and each unit features a specific comprehension skill. Each selection is followed by 2 pages of exercises which emphasize a variety of comprehension skills. The workbooks have many black and white photographs and illustrations. The individual titles are:

Alpine Run (grades 2-3)
Wind Power (grades 2-3)
Wheeling It (grades 2-3)
Free-Fall (grades 3-4)
White Water (grades 4-5)
Quiet Flight (grades 5-6)
Trailblazers (grades 5-6)
Silent Deep (grades 6-7)

Reading Skills for Adults: (Steck-Vaughn - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1986.
Reading Level: 2-6.
Cost: $7.25 per title.
$7.25 for teacher's guide.

This series consists of 4 workbooks which progress sequentially from reading level 2 though level 6. Each workbook features 15 non-fiction passages which range in length from 3-5 pages. The passages are suitable for adult readers and cover a variety of topics such as nature, adventure, human interest and sports. The passages are adequately illustrated with black and white photographs and illustrations. Each selection begins with an introduction to new vocabulary. A variety of comprehension questions follow each selection. The individual titles are:

Blue Book (grades 2-3)
Red Book (grades 3-4)
Green Book (grades 4-5)
Brown Book (grades 5-6)

COMPREHENSION WORKBOOKS

STAGE III

Beyond Basics: (Jamestown Publishers), 1987.
Reading Level: 4-12
Cost: $9.60 U.S. per title.
$15.00 U.S. for teacher's guide.

This program consists of 9 books, with each one being at a different readability level. These paperbacks are excellent reference books for tutors and learners. Each book is divided into the following 4 sections: comprehension skills; reference skills; textbooks and study skills; and literary skills. Lessons in the comprehension skills sections include main idea, chronological and spatial order, understanding cause and effect, fact and opinion, and conclusions and references. A broad range of reading material such as fiction, expository, periodicals, reference words and graphics is used in the lessons and exercises. The books contain several illustrations. The individual titles are:

Beyond Basics 4 through to Beyond Basics 12

Comprehension Crosswords: (Jamestown Publishers), 1979.
Reading Level: 3-12
Cost: $15.00 U.S. per title.

Comprehension Crosswords is a set of 10 books, with each one at a different readability level. Each book contains 24 spirit masters. The answers to the crosswords are printed on the masters and, according to the publisher, the answers should not reproduce. Unfortunately, attempts to reproduce the masters on the photocopier resulted in the answers also being copied. The end result was dozens of potentially good crossword puzzles that learners were unable to use. However, this problem would be overcome if copies were made on a spirit duplicator. The individual titles are:

Comprehension Crosswords 1 through to Comprehension Crosswords 10.

Modern Reading Skilltext Series: (Charles E. Merrill Publishing Company - Distributed by Bell and Howell), 1983.
Reading Level: 7-10
Cost: $10.25 per title.
$12.10 for teacher's guide.

This series is a set of 3 books which each contain approximatley 40 passages. The subject matter should appeal to adult readers and is a mixture of tall tales, nature, biographies, science and human interest stories. Each illustrated passage is between 1-2 pages in length. All of the passages are accompanied by a page of exercises which has both factual and thought-provoking comprehension questions. In addition, each workbook has 6 mini-lessons which focus on a specific skill such as using context clues or dictionary skills, etc. The individual titles are:

Book 1 (grades 7-8)
Book 2 (grades 8-9)
Book 3 (grades 9-10)

Reading Power Through Cloze: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1980.
Reading Level: 4-7
Cost: $5.95 per title.
$5.00 per teacher's guide.

This series consists of 4 workbooks which concentrate on comprehension and vocabulary development. The title of the series is deceiving since cloze is not the focus of the workbooks. There are 6 lessons per workbook, and the format for each lesson is consistent. The lesson begins with an introduction to vocabulary words which will be found in the passage, and a brief overview of the passage. The passages, which are mainly non-fiction, have a cloze format with each one having 15 deleted words. Each 2-3 page passage is followed by a multitude of comprehension, writing and vocabulary exercises. There is one illustration per lesson. The subject matter of the passages is suitable for adult readers. Each workbook is accompanied by a teacher's guide. The individual titles are:

Mysteries Across Time (grade 4)
Reaching Beyond (grade 5)
Breaking Boundaries and Barriers (grade 6)
Opening New Doors (grade 7)

WORKBOOKS

The Curious Reader: Increasing Comprehension and Vocabulary Skills: (Science Research Associates), 1985.
Reading Level: 3-7
Cost: $39.75 for a package of 5 workbooks.

This series consists of 7 workbooks which progress from 3rd to 7th grade reading levels. Unfortunately, they are sold in packages only. Each workbook contains 6-11 non-fiction passages, some of which may not be of interest to adults. The comprehension questions which follow each passage are limited in scope and mainly require factual answers. The individual titles are:

The Curious Reader: Book 1 through to The Curious Reader: Book 7

The Kim Marshall Series in Reading: (Educators Publishing Service - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1984.
Reading Level: 4-6
Cost: $6.45 per title.
$4.30 per teacher's guide.

This series consists of 2 workbooks which are similar in format and readability level. The readability level of both books is grade 6, and not between grades 4-6, as specified by the publisher. Each workbook consists of approximately 90 passages, with each passage being one-half of a page in length. The passages are adaptations of stories from newspapers, magazines, television shows, books, movies, and from the author's experience. Ninety percent of the comprehension questions are factual. Teachers/tutors would need to expand upon the questions by asking a variety of thought-provoking questions. Each workbook is accompanied by a teacher's guide. The individual titles are:

Reading - Book 1
Reading - Book 2

Topics for the Restless: (Jamestown Publsihers), 1974.
Reading Level: 6-12
Cost: $7.20 U.S. per title.

This series consists of 3 workbooks, with each one containing 30 passages which are a mixture of fiction and non-fiction. The passages are short, and each one is 2-3 pages in length. Some of the authors include Betty Friedan, Ray Bradbury, Art Buchwald, and Stephen Leacock. Each passage is followed by 10 multiple-choice comprehension questions, vocabulary exercises, and then word identification exercises. There workbooks are not illustrated. The individual titles are:

Olive Book (grades 6-8)
Brown Book (grades 9-11)
Purple Book (grades 12)

You Are the Judge: (Academic Therapy Publications - Distributed by Lakeshore Curriculum Materials), 1981.
Reading Level: 5-6
Cost: $4.95 U.S. per title.

There are 2 workbooks in this series, each with a similar format and readability level. Each workbook contains 12 actual court cases for the learner to read and 'judge'. Each case consists of a 'court scene', a judge's 'think sheet' and a 'court document' on which the learner is to write his/her decision based on the evidence presented. These unique workbooks build reading and vocabulary skills along with logical thinking skills. Each 79 page workbook contains a glossary. The individual titles are:

You are the Judge Book 1
You are the Judge Book 2

SKILL DEVELOPMENT SERIES

Developing Reading Comprehension Skills: (Oceana Educational Communications - Distributed by Dominie Press), 1980.
Reading Level: 1-8
Cost: $239.00 per set

This series provides practice and reinforcement in 6 essential comprehension skill areas. The series consists of 42 books, with 7 books in each strand spanning grades 1-8. The books could be used for independent practice by the learner as they are self-directing and self-correcting. Each booklet contains dozens of exercises which reinforce the specific skill being taught. Some of the subject matter in the books is not suitable for adults. The individual titles are:

Finding the Main Idea and Supporting Details
Detecting Sequence of Events
Drawing Conclusions
Use of Context Clues
Following Directions
Critical Reading

Specific Skill Series: (Barnell Loft), 1976.
Reading Level: 1-6
Cost: $2.70 U.S. per title.

This series was first published in 1962, and every public school seem to own a copy. The 1976 edition is reviewed here, but a more recent edition is now available. The elementary series consists of 54 booklets, with 9 skill booklets at each of the levels (1-6). The skill booklets at grades 1 and 2 are not recommended because the subject matter is more suitable for children. Each booklet is nonconsumable and contains dozens of exercises which focus on one specific comprehension skill. The booklets could be used for independent practice by the learner once the skill has been taught. These booklets are also available at the secondary level (7-12). The individual titles are:

Using the Context
Getting the Main Idea
Drawing Conclusions
Following Directions
Identifying Inferences
Working with Sounds
Locating the Answer
Getting the Facts
Detecting the Sequence

Steck-Vaughn Comprehension Skills: (Steck-Vaughn - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1987.
Reading Level: Prep Level (2); Level 1 (3-4); Level 2 (5-6)
Cost: $4.95 per title.
$6.75 for teacher's guide.

This series consists of 15 booklets which stress 5 specific comprehension skills at three different readability levels. It is similar to the other specific skills series in that it contains dozens of exercises which focus on one specific skill. The individual titles are:

Conclusion
Context
Facts
Sequence
Main Idea

** This specific skill series would be chosen as the best one from among the three specific skills series which have been annotated.

SPELLING

A Prescriptive Spelling Program: (Barnell Loft, Ltd), 1980.
Spelling Level: Stages II-III
Cost: $24.30 U.S. for mini set of instructional books. This set contains 9 books (3 each of Levels One, Two, and Three).

This series consists of 3 workbooks, which vary in their degree of difficulty. The workbooks are primarily based on spelling rules and phonics. Some attention is paid to meaning units (prefixes and suffixes). Each workbook contains 16 lessons.

All Spelled Out: (Contemporary Books), 1986.
Spelling Level: Stages II-III
Cost: $3.95 U.S. per title.

This series consists of 4 workbooks, ranging in spelling level from approximately grades 2-6. The first 2 books in the series, 'All Spelled Out A & B', emphasize one syllable words as well as longer words that are useful to the learner in everyday applications. 'All Spelled Out C & D' are based on a list of 500 commonly misspelled words. The workbooks include the following types of instruction: phonics; rules and guidelines; mnemonic devices; spelling patterns; and meaning units (prefixes, suffixes).

Better Spelling - Fourteen Steps to Spelling Improvement:
(D.C. Heath and Company), 1985.
Spelling Level: Stage III
Cost: $16.50

This paperback begins with a diagnostic spelling test. The remainder of the book concentrates on 14 spelling principles which are a combination of rules and mnemonics. One particularly good feature is that both inductive and deductive instruction is used throughout the book. The text emphasizes spelling words which are frequently used in everyday writing. In addition, the text lists 336 commonly misspelled words which are frequently used when writing.

Common Words: (Charles E. Merrill Publishing Co. - Distributed by Bell and Howell), 1983.
Spelling Level: Stage III
Cost: $8.10 per title.

This series consists of two 142 page workbooks. Each workbook has 36 units which are similar in format. Within each unit, a list of 24 high-utility words is presented. The word lists are followed by exercises which focus on spelling and vocabulary development. The workbook is based on a combination of spelling approaches such as mnemonics, meaning units and syllabication.

Dr. Spello: (McGraw-Hill, Inc.), 1968.
Spelling Level: Stages I-III
Cost: $7.15

This remedial workbook is 20 years old, yet it is still in demand. It provides a quick overview of spelling from grades 1 to 6. William Kottmeyer, the author, believes that phonics instruction is the key to spelling. The lessons move sequentially from consonant sounds, to long and short vowels, to digraphs, etc. This workbook is good for learners requiring a quick review of already learned basics before moving into learning new spelling concepts.

Gateways to Correct Spelling: (Steck-Vaughn Company - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1980.
Spelling Level: Stage III
Cost:$8.75

This workbook consists of 60 lessons, with each lesson introducing 12 new words for a total of 720 spelling words. According to the author, these 720 words cause four-fifths of the spelling errors made by persons beyond elementary school. This workbook emphasizes the visual memory study method as a means of learning how to spell.

Improving Your Spelling: (Educational Design - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1983.
Spelling Level: Stage III
Cost: $3.95

This workbook uses a skill based approach to teach spelling. The lessons are primarily based on spelling rules involved in adding a prefix or a suffix to a word. As well, there are lessons on homophones, apostrophes, capitalization and using the dictionary. Opportunities for practice and review are built into this workbook.

Learning to Spell: (Gage Publishing Company), 1983.
Spelling Level: Stage III
Cost: $7.45

Ves Thomas and Carl Braun are the authors of this paperback. The book contains the following units: Understanding Your Subject; Methods for Learning to Spell; Using Spelling in Everyday Writing; and Learning the Core Words. The core word list is a listing of 1500 words most frequently used in writing. This book is a useful reference book.

Programed Spelling Demons: (Prentice-Hall Inc.), 1985.
Spelling Level: Stage III
Cost: $30.00 or $22.50 for schools.

This manual provides intensive programed drills which allow learners to work individually and at their own pace. The drills are based on phonics and spelling rules. This manual consists of 17 chapters, with each chapter stressing a specific skill or spelling rule. This book stresses words which are commonly misspelled.

Spell It Out: (Globe Book Company), 1978.
Spelling Level: Stages II-III
Cost: $7.50 per title.

This set of 4 workbooks is unique as spelling lessons are combined with reading selections. The passages are non-fiction and range in readability level from grades 3-7. Each workbook contains 20 units in which a short reading selection is followed by comprehension questions and spelling exercises. The spelling words introduced in each unit are everyday words which always have something in common such as a specific spelling pattern. These workbooks are very popular with tutors and learners. The individual titles are:

Book 1 (grades 3-4)
Book 2 (grades 4-5)
Book 3 (grades 5-6)
Book 4 (grades 6-7)

Spellbound: (Educator's Publishing - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1981.
Spelling Level: Stage III
Cost: $6.45

This workbook, by Elsie T. Rak, is based on spelling rules and phonograms ranging from single letter units to prefixes and suffixes. Each unit is followed by oral and written exercises. The teacher's manual contains a variety of brief dictations for each of the spelling elements taught. This workbook has a high circulation rate.

Spelling the Easy Way: (Barron's Educational Series), 1982.
Spelling Level: Stage III
Cost: $8.95 U.S.

This 310 page workbook concentrates on spelling rules and mnemonic devices. A 10,000 word spelling list is included in the book, but no mention is made as to how these words were selected. A unique feature of the book is the chapter on 'Help for Spanish Speaking Students'. The workbook also contains a 500 word list of commonly misspelled business terms.

Spelling Simplified: (Contemporary Books), 1983.
Spelling Level: Stage III
Cost: $4.31 U.S.

This paperback is part of a 'study aids' series published by Contemporary Books. The book uses a potpourri of approaches to teaching spelling. The chapters feature spelling patterns, meaning units (prefixes and suffixes), and sound-symbol associations. The book also has two interesting appendices: a directory of spelling demons; and a list of meanings for suffixes and prefixes.

Spelling Steps: (Steck-Vaughn - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1984.
Spelling Level: Stages II-III
Cost: $6.25 per title.

This series consists of 3 workbooks which span grades 3-8. Book 1 emphasizes consonants, vowels and variant sounds. Book 2 concentrates on consonant blends and digraphs and vowel patterns. Book 3 focuses on meaning units (prefixes and suffixes). The spelling words were drawn largely from the Kucera-Francis word list, which was developed from an analysis of adult reading materials. The individual titles are:

Part I (grades 3-4)
Part II (grades 4-6)
Part III (grades 6-8)

WORKBOOKS

Target Spelling: (Steck-Vaughn - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1985.
Spelling Level: Stages II-III
Cost: $6.75 per title.
$8.25 per teacher's guide.

This series consists of 6 consumable workbooks which begin at a grade 1 spelling level and gradually increase in difficulty. Each workbook consists of 30 lessons, with 6-8 new words presented in each lesson. Homonyms and word patterns are generally the basis for the grouping of new words. The instructional activities include visual discrimination and spelling patterns. The workbooks also contain several word searches. Each workbook is accompanied by a teacher's guide. The individual titles are:

Target 180 (grades 1-2)	Target 780 (grades 4-5)
Target 360 (grades 2-3)	Target 1020 (grades 5-6)
Target 540 (grades 3-4)	Target 1260 (grades 6-7)

The Spell of Words: (Educator's Publishing Service - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1980.
Spelling Level: Stage III
Cost: $6.10

This is another workbook by Elsie T. Rak and the format is similar to the one used in Spellbound. This workbook is based on the Orton-Gillingham approach to language problems. The workbook covers spelling rules, phonograms, spelling patterns, and meaning units (suffixes and prefixes).

WORKBOOKS

VOCABULARY

504 Absolutely Essential Words: (Barron's Educational Series, Inc.), 1984.
Reading Level: 5
Cost: $8.50

This 140 page book contains 42 lessons, with each lesson teaching 12 new words. Each vocabulary word is defined and followed by 3 sentences which illustrate its use. Activities include cloze exercises, cartoon quizzes, and writing tasks.

Survival Vocabulary: (Janus Book Publishers - Distributed by Dominie Press), 1978.
Reading Level: Below grade 3
Cost: $5.18 per title.

This series consists of 10 text-workbooks, with each one focusing on a specific topic such as language used for 'banking' or for 'filling out forms'. Each workbook introduces 80 words or phrases, which are grouped according to concept. One shortcoming in these workbooks is that the exercises are of little value and consist of activities such as 'scrambled letters', etc. Nonetheless, these workbooks would be useful in programs which have a high enrollment of English as a Second Language learners. The individual titles are:

Banking Language
Clothing Language
Credit Language
Driver's License Language
Drugstore Language
Entertainment Language
Job Application Language
Medical Language
Restaurant Language
Supermarket Language

WORKBOOKS

The Kim Marshall Series in Vocabulary: (Educators Publishing), 1981.
Reading Level: 4-8
Cost: $7.90 per title.
$4.30 per teacher's guide.

This series consists of 2 workbooks, with each workbook containing 18 units which concentrate on vocabulary development. Each unit introduces 25 words which are accompanied by a clear, short definition. Learners are then requested to create sentences with the new words, to fill in the blanks of given sentences and to match words with their meanings. The 2 workbooks are similar in their degree of difficulty. A teacher's guide is available for each workbook. The individual titles are:

Vocabulary - Book 1
Vocabulary - Book 2

Vocabulary Boosters: (David S. Lake Publishers - Distributed by Lakeshore Curriculum), 1985.
Reading Level: 4-6
Cost: $11.95 U.S. per set.

Vocabulary Boosters is a set of two 42 page workbooks. Each workbook introduces 100 words. The exercises assist learners in learning words through context clues, use of a dictionary, and study of meaning units (root, suffixes, prefixes). There are also activities involving parts of speech, use of a thesaurus and crossword puzzles.

WORKBOOKS

Vocabulary Drills: (Jamestown Publishers), 1986.
Reading Level: 6-12
Cost: $8.00 U.S. per title.

This 238 page paperback is available in two levels: intermediate and advanced. These books are based on two approaches to vocabulary development: the use of context clues and the study of meaning units. Each paperback contains 10 units, each of which is divided into 5 sections. Sections 1 & 3 contain a reading passage which is followed by exercises which focus on the use of context. The passages are mainly non-fiction and tend to have a high degree of American content. Sections 2 & 4 feature lessons that teach common Greek and Latin roots. The fifth section of each unit provides an extensive review. These books are sparsely illustrated. The individual titles are:

Vocabulary Drills - Middle Level (grades 6-8)
Vocabulary Drills - Advanced Level (grades 9-12)

World of Vocabulary: (Globe Book Company), 1984.
Reading Level: 2-9
Cost: $7.25 per title.
$2.00 per teaching guide.

This series consists of 8 workbooks which range in reading level from grades 2-9. A positive feature is that vocabulary is taught in context. Each workbook features 20 lessons in which a non-fiction passage is folbwed by 4 pages of vocabulary exercises. Illustrations accompany each passage. A recent addition to this series is "World of Vocabulary Canada", which introduces 200 words most frequently used in Canadian newspapers. The individual titles are:

Book A (grades 2-3)
Book B (grades 2-3)
Book 1 (grades 3-4)
Book 2 (grades 4-5)
Book 3 (grades 5-6)
Book 4 (grades 6-7)
Book 5 (grades 7-8)
Book 6 (grades 8-9)
Teaching Guide, Book A
Teaching Guide, Book B
Teaching Guide for Books 1-5
Teaching Guide for Book 6
World of Vocabulary Canada

Worldly Wise: (Educators Publishing Service), 1983.
Reading Level: 4-12
Cost: $5.00 per title for Books 1-9
$3.95 per title for Books A-C
$4.30 per teacher's guide for Books 1-9
$1.45 per teacher's guide for Books A-C

'Worldly Wise' consists of 12 workbooks which range in reading level from grades 3-12. Workbooks A-C are intended for learners who are not yet ready for workbook 1. Workbooks 1-6 each contain 24 lessons, with each lesson introducing 12 new words. The first 6 workbooks in the series contain exercises which use the vocabulary words in context, deal with multiple meanings of words, and provide practise in using the words in sentences. A glossary is provided in the first 3 workbooks, but starting with the fourth workbook, the learner must use a dictionary to obtain word meanings. Teaching guides are available for each workbook. The individual titles are:

Worldly Wise A (grade 3)
Worldly Wise B (grade 3)
Worldly Wise C (grade 3)
Book 1 (grade 4)
Book 2 (grade 5)
Book 3 (grade 6)
Book 4 (grade 7)
Book 5 (grade 8)
Book 6 (grade 9)
Book 7 (grade 10)
Book 8 (grade 11)
Book 9 (grade 12)

WRITING

Basic English Revisited: (Basic English Revisited - Distributed by Permabound), 1984.
Cost: $11.44 per student's handbook
$6.25 per workbook.

The hardbound 218 page student handbook is appropriate for learners whose writing is at an advanced stage. The book provides an abundance of information on the mechanics of writing and the writing process. As well, there are sections on writing which include everything from writing term papers to book reviews to business letters. Finally, this handbook provides information on memory techniques, vocabulary building, study skills, note-taking, using the library, and speech skills. The print is small and dense. The workbook provides exercises which stress the mechanics of writing and writing for different purposes.

Grammar and Composition: (Charles E. Merrill Publishing Company - Distributed by Bell and Howell), 1984.
Cost: $9.15 per title.

This series includes three 172 page workbooks, with each consecutive workbook increasing in difficulty. The 5 units found in each workbook are: grammar, usage, mechanics, composition and words. The grammar unit covers everything from nouns and verbs to participial and appositive phrases. In the usage unit, learners receive instruction in learning how to use pronouns, verb forms and modifiers correctly. The mechanics unit reviews punctuation and capitalization. Paragraph development and different kinds of writing are explored in the composition unit. Finally, the words unit focuses on vocabulary development. The individual titles are:

Book 1
Book 2
Book 3

I Wish I Could Write (New Readers Press), 1978.
Cost: $4.85

This 40 page booklet provides topics and suggestions for inspiring new writers. The author, Joan Barasovska, developed the lessons in her writing class for adult literacy students. Tutors/teachers and learners will appreciate the ideas presented in this booklet.

WORKBOOKS

Improving Your Punctuation Skills: (Educational Design - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1983.
Cost: $3.95

This 80 page workbook provides many skill building exercises for the learner who needs to improve his/her punctuation skills. The 4 chapters include sentence punctuation, commas, semicolons and colons, and quotations. A summary and review is also built into this workbook, as are mastery tests.

In Your Own Words: (Cambridge - Distributed by Prentice-Hall Inc.), 1987.
Cost: $6.00 per title.

This program consists of 2 workbooks entitled 'Sentence Skills' and 'Paragraph Competency'. Each workbook emphasizes specific writing skills as opposed to the writing process. 'Sentence Skills' provides exercises in constructing, varying, editing, combining and reducing sentences. 'Paragraph Competency' provides instruction and exercises in creating narrative, descriptive, persuasive and expository paragraphs. As well, there are units on writing business letters, reports, invitations and thank-you notes. The individual titles are:

Book 1 - Sentences
Book 2 - Paragraphs

Life Skills Writing: (Educational Design - Distributed by Educaional Resources), 1984.
Cost: $5.50 per title.

Educational Design publishes 2 Life Skills Writing workbooks. The first one is 'Writing for the World of Work'. One shortcoming of this workbook is the American content which makes some units such as the completion of W-4 forms irrelevant for the Canadian learner. The exercises include writing lists, memos, receipts, purchase orders etc. Rather than using this workbook, learners could bring in 'real' examples of writing from their workplace. The second workbook is 'Life Skills Writing'. Learners would probably find the sections on personal letters, letter formats and business letters quite useful. The individual titles are:

Life Skills Writing
Writing for the World of Work

WORKBOOKS

Language for Living: (Gage Publishing Company), 1981.
Cost: $7.95 per title.

This series consists of four 93 page paperbacks which represent the following four distinct levels: threshold, basic, general, and advanced. In Book 1, charts and lists are emphasized as a means of expressing written information. Books 2, 3, & 4 are each divided into 3 units dealing with practical themes. Owning and operating a vehicle and finding a job are some of the themes. These books are well-written and could be used as resource books for the tutor/teacher or as supplements to writing assignments. Each book contains several graphics.

Language Workshop - A Guide to Better English: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1984.
Cost: $8.25

This 182 page text-workbook contains 33 lessons which stress the mechanical aspects of writing. Grammar, spelling and punctuation are the 3 skill areas covered in this workbook. The language and illustrations are aimed towards adolescent learners.

Practicing the Writing Process 1, The Paragraph:
(Educational Design - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1985.
Cost: $5.50

This workbook has been popular among tutors and learners. The following 4 writing stages are covered: pre-writing; writing; revising; and editing. The exercises involve learners in writing descriptive paragraphs, book reports, personal letters and business letters. Recently, Educational Design published 'Practicing the Writing Process 2, The Essay.'

WORKBOOKS

Put It In Writing: (Cambridge - Distributed by Prentice-Hall Inc.), 1987.
Cost: $6.35 per instructional text.
$3.55 per workbook.

This series consists of 3 instructional paperbacks and 3 activity books which are correlated to the instructional texts. The series could best be described as a grammar-based composition program. Book 1 introduces verb tenses, subject and verb agreement, and various types of writing styles. Book 2 explores more complex grammar concepts such as using clauses and phrases. Book 2 also provides instruction in writing business reports. Book 3 delves into the writing process and examines various writing styles.

The Kim Marshall Series in English: (Educators Publishing Service - Distributed by Educational Resources), 1980.
Cost: $6.45 for Book A, $7.15 for Book B

The 2 workbooks in this series adopt a skills based approach to writing. Book A reviews sentence structure, capitalization and punctuation. Book B concentrates mainly on grammatical conventions. These books lack a unifying thread and many of the skills are taught in isolation. The individual titles are:

English - Part A
English - Part B

WORKBOOKS

The Reading Road to Writing: (Globe Modern Curriculum Press), 1984.
Cost: $4.75 per title.

This series consists of 6 workbooks which review grammar and usage. Each workbook contains 5 lessons in which a reading selection is followed by 4-5 pages of exercises which reinforce specific grammatical conventions through skill building exercises and writing tasks. The lessons also include clear explanations of grammatical topics using examples from the reading passage. The individual titles are:

Book 1 - Sentences
Book 2 - Verbs
Book 3 - Adjectives and Adverbs
Book 4 - Pronouns
Book 5 - Words Often Confused
Book 6 - Mechanics of Writing

The Write Stuff: (Contemporary Books), 1986.
Cost: Prices vary. (See below for listing).

This series consists of 3 workbooks, 2 exercise books and an instructor's guide. The stages of the writing process are dealt with in 'Writing for a Purpose'. 'Putting It in Paragraphs' provides instruction in the development of topic sentences and supporting details. 'Shaping Sentences' is an excellent workbook which assists learners to express their thoughts clearly through using techniques such as sentence expansion, development, and combining. The remaining 2 exercise books are 'Life Skills Writing' and 'Test and Essay Writing'. The 3 workbooks are highly recommended. The individual titles are:

Shaping Sentences	($4.25 U.S.)
Putting it in Paragraphs	($4.25 U.S.)
Writing for a Purpose	($4.25 U.S.)
Life Skills Writing	($2.75 U.S.)
Test and Essay Writing	($2.75 U.S.)
Instructor's Guide	($4.25 U.S.)

WORKBOOKS

Writing for a Reason: (Quercus Corporation - Distributed by Ginn), 1986.
Cost: $8.75 per set. Each set includes a workbook and practice book.

Writing for a Reason consists of 4 workbooks which are each accompanied by a 24 page practice book. The fifth workbook is accompanied by a 60 minute audio tape. The language and illustrations are appropriate for adolescents. The individual titles are:

Book 1 - Sentences, Notes and Directions
Book 2 - Invitations, Business Letters, Job Applications
Book 3 - Paragraphs, Descriptions, Friendly Letter
Book 4 - Narrative, Comparison, Persuasion, Reports
Book 5 - Listen, Take Notes, Write

Writing to Others: (New Readers Press), 1978.
Cost: $4.40

This 48 page paperback examines various types of written communication. The 8 lessons provide instruction in writing business letters, job application letters, personal letters and invitations. This workbook also contains short-answer and discussion questions.

VIDEO PROGRAMS

Journeyworkers: (Produced by Alberta ACCESS & Manitoba Department of Education), 1987.
Cost: Duplication fee is $12.50 per program (plus tape cost). $10.00 per tutor handbook. $14.00 per workshop leader's guide. There is also a $5.00 flat rate handling charge.

Journeyworkers is a tutor training resource package which consists of 5 videotape programs, tutor handbooks and a workshop leader's guide. The program, which was written by Mary Norton, is based on the interactive reading process model. Program One, 'Learning and Teaching' contains 5 modules which portray tutor and learner experiences, the stages of literacy and general approaches that support and encourage learning. Program Two, 'Learning from Experience', contains 8 modules which explore questioning strategies, assisted reading and writing, the writing process and using experience to read and write. Program Three, 'Making Sense of Words', is comprised of 6 modules which concentrate on strategies for spelling and for predicting and identifying words. Program Four, 'Making Sense of Content', is made up of 7 modules which focus on strategies for comprehending text. Program Five, 'I Just Want to Learn More', is an 18 minute module intended for general public education about adult literacy issues. The tutors handbook, which is correlated with the video programs, includes an orientation to reading/writing theory as well as reading, writing and spelling strategies. The workshop leader's guide includes duplicating masters for workshop handouts and overhead transparencies. The entire resource package is very flexible and could be used in a variety of ways by tutor coordinators and tutors.

Out of the Shadows: (Produced by TV Ontario - Distributed by ACCESS), 1983.
Cost: $12.50 for duplication (plus tape cost and handling charge).

In this 30 minute program, actress Jackie Burroughs discusses the issue of adult literacy. She speaks with a number of young adults, each of whom has fallen through the cracks of the educational system.

VIDEO PROGRAMS

Safer Than a Sock: (Alberta ACCESS), 1980.
Cost: $12.50 for duplication (plus tape cost and handling charge).

This 30 minute production dramatizes a chapter in the life of 32 year old Frank Pritchard. The program portrays how Frank has developed coping strategies to deal with his illiteracy.

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GLOSSARY

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Explicit Level The answers for explicit comprehension questions can be located in the text. Sometimes explicit questions require the learner to integrate the explicit text information.

Implicit Level Implicit questions require the learner to 'read between the lines'. The answers is not specifically stated in the text.

Experiential Level The response for experiential questions is based entirely on the reader's background knowledge.

W5 Questions W5 refers to question that begin with the following words: what, who, when, where and why.

LITERACY STAGES

Stage I Adults in this stage are beginning readers/writers. They need to develop the concept of why people read and/or how people read.

Stage II Adults in this stage are developing and refining their word recognition abilities. Stage I learners should be encouraged to use knowledge based information in conjunction with print based information as they read and write. This stage corresponds with reading grades levels one through three.

Stage III Adults in this stage should be encouraged to engage in widespread reading and writing. This stage corresponds with reading levels four through nine.

WORD IDENTIFICATION

Analytic Phonics This method refers to phonics programs which emphasize word families. Learners use known words to discover strategies for decoding unknown words. This approach stresses that letter sounds should not be taught in isolation.

Structural Analysis This word identification method involves the recognition of words by large, meaningful units such as roots, prefixes, and suffixes.

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Sight Word A word which is recognized instantly and independently by the learner.

Word Family A group of words that have the same pattern of letters. For example, the following words belong to the same word family: heat, beat, and seat.